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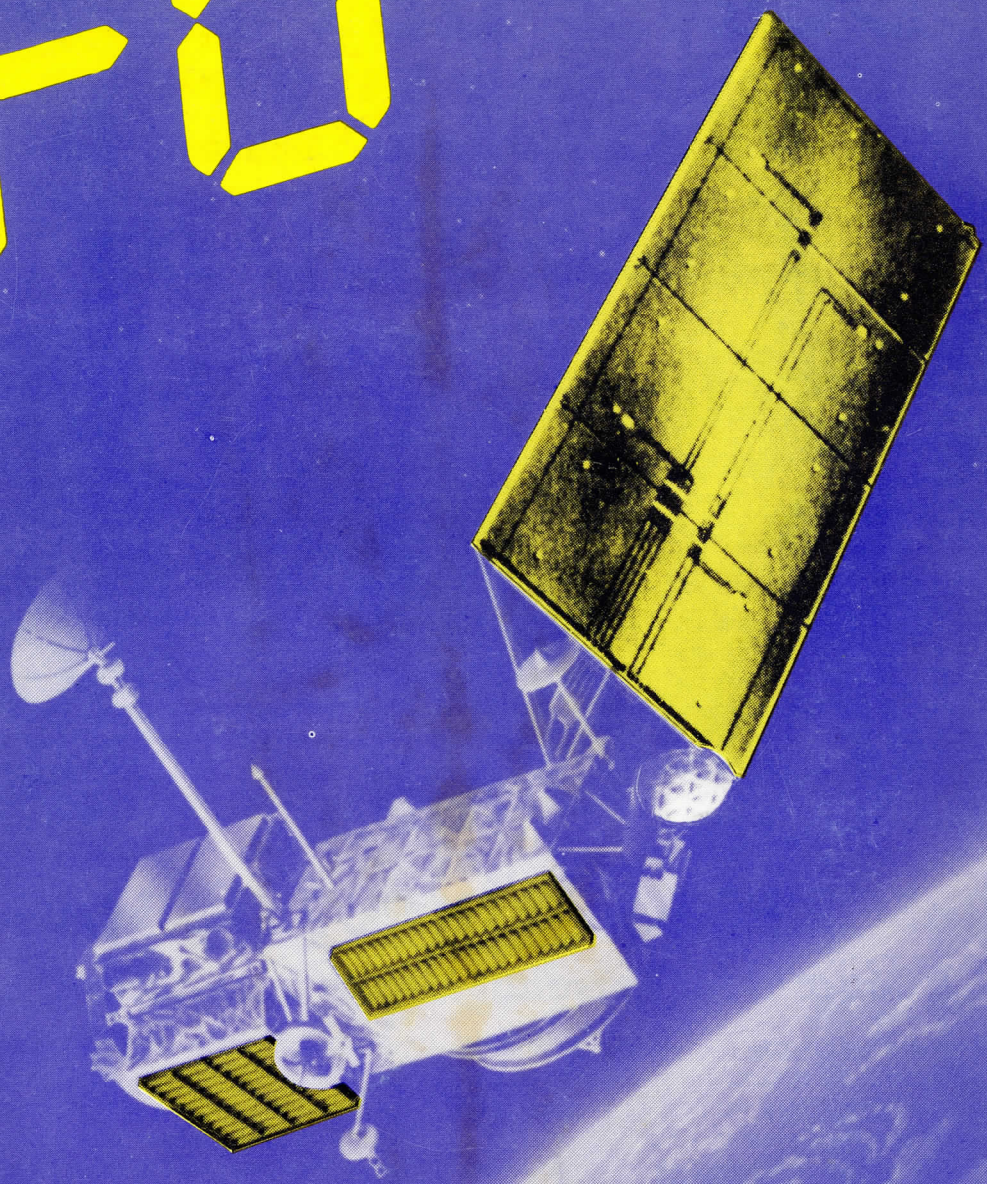

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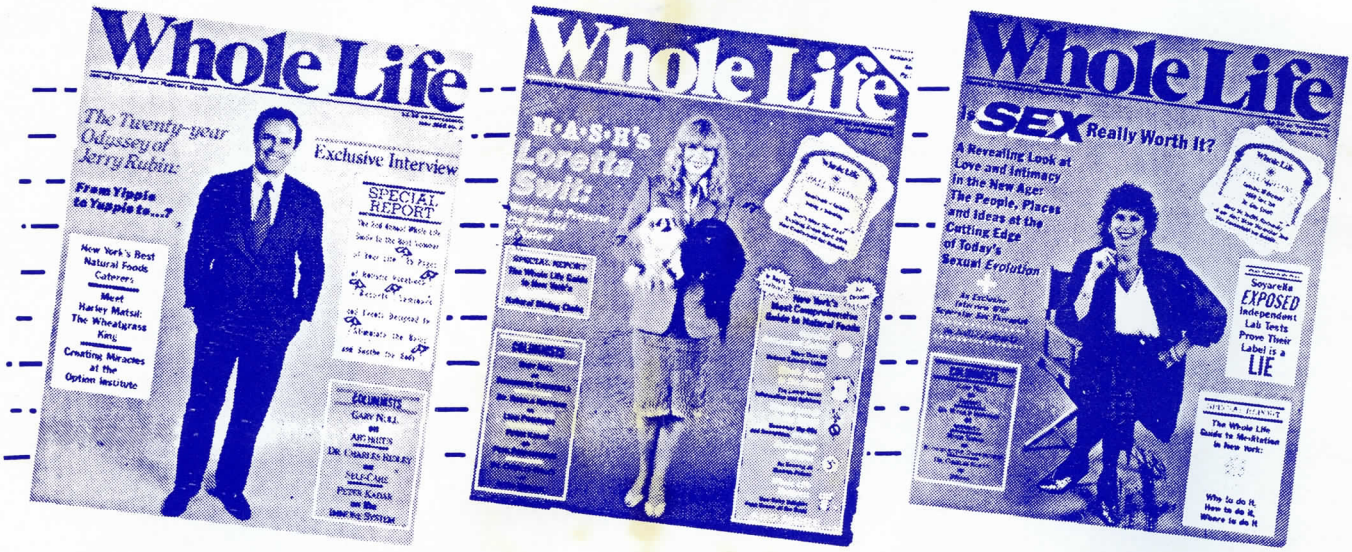

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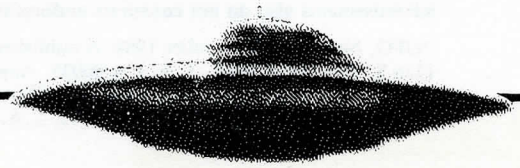

Call us slow or call us tech-tied, but we're only just now nearing the point where *UFO* will regularly interface with computerized information systems. Earth's hottest communications "alternative" has prospects of blanketly taking over 21st century entertainment and information processes, bringing closer the day when we'll literally have our fingertips on an electronic universe. In our corner of the choir called UFOs, the computer and TV revolutions combine with fresh thinking to propel everything forward in time and space. A glimpse at those on the alternative media scene with UFOs is found in this issue.

As a breather from fanfare on the flying saucer fringe, mainstream space science and earth-spawned high tech hold sway, allowing for a kind of cross-breeding little grey aliens may have never thought of: Big Science plus Little Ufology. The offspring? More credibility for ufologists, expanded minds and horizons for Science.

MUFON state section director and computerist Don Ecker envisions a dream *UFO* has also held for some time now: a (even if temporary) *detente* between contrary personalities in ufology, who agree to meet together on neutral ground and iron out the most pressing concerns in UFO research. Other Forum authors Ron Schaffner and R. Perry Collins script some preface to a follow-up article on the Control Factor—due to run in the first issue of '89—toughening their angle on the secrecy forces with case data and a novel reasoning that clears up some of the confusion and further examines the forces behind the UFO mystery.

The Eyes in the Sky are proliferating. Aerospace professional Ron Regehr outlines what he sees up there, should some of our headiest technology be used for spying on UFOs. Along with new science and high tech offerings, *UFO* introduces a periodic feature called the Mars File. Its first entry is writer Jay Lebsch's interview with Mars Observer project scientist Dr. Arden Albee. (Future issues will carry articles on mavericks researching the "Mars Face" and Russian-American cooperation in space.)

Our closing package for 1988 introduces a style change—a new typeface for the interior pages of *UFO*, which we think makes it more readable.

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Just because we've digressed a little here, don't think we've given up reporting on straight UFOs; it's just that some things take a little longer than others. Because the UFO story, in all its angles, is the biggest one on Earth.

Until next year!

Vicki Cooper

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L E T T E R S

Editor:

The source material used in the UFO Control Factor article (Vol. 3, No. 4) is invaluable, and the hypothesis should always remain an important one since it encourages us to study and observe ourselves, beliefs and attitudes via the UFO experience.

The media information was thorough and very interesting. It is very important to know the behind-the-scenes in news departments and in filmmakers' subjectivity with their craft so we don't simply gobble up everything as TRUTH.

Bob Banner
Santa Rosa, CA

Editor:

Your "UFOs in the News" issue (Vol. 3, No. 3) was not simply your best issue to date, but one of the best issues I have seen of any UFO journal anywhere, at any time.

Hilary Evans
London, England

Editor:

I'm not into a lot of the usual UFO stuff. I believe it's largely wishful-thinking, self-delusion, and a whole lot of bullshit. Yet I think that basically there is something to the idea that we have been, are being or may someday be contacted by aliens from outer space. Thus, I tend to be more fascinated by theoretical conceptions of the idea, particularly when they are based on solid research and/or rational extrapolations of known facts.

Victor Marchetti
Vienna, VA

Ed. Note: Marchetti is co-author of ***The CIA and the Cult of Intelligence****, and will have more to say in our next issue.*

Editor:

I appreciate your magazine, but now especially so since you appear to be moving more toward physical aspects of UFO phenomena rather than the more nebulous (but no less important) spiritual implications. There seems to be a need to prove with physical evidence the existence of something that may not even be entirely "here" in physical reality; but proof we must have. So we must continue with the effort.

My bet is that they're here and that there's more than one kind kind of 'em. They may even be doing a lot of manipulating. There is obviously *some* compelling reason—sound or otherwise—for the Powers That Be to keep the secret to themselves.

One day we may even be forced to choose sides. Your magazine and the spirited quest of your writers serve to hasten the time when we will all know The Truth.

Mike Cady
Seattle, WA

Editor:

Your feature on UFO documentaries (Vol. 3, No. 4) maintains your usual high standards of reporting. However, I'd like to make a couple of points that weren't highlighted in the article. One is that most TV networks regard news as *entertainment* rather than education, especially if a documentary is to be aired prime time opposite popular sitcoms or "Miami Vice." Secondly: Most UFO researchers are not well versed in orthodox science, let alone metaphysics, so that basically extraordinary cases are being investigated by ordinary people who lack the background to explain them properly.

This may be the reason why the recent TV offering "UFO Cover-up? Live" spent 10 minutes or more on the Gulf Breeze case, which is intriguing but not yet properly proved, yet dismissed the Billy Meier contacts in a few disparaging sentences. Also, Gulf Breeze is "hot" while the Meier case is old news. It seems that UFO research and media follow-up, like lightning, take the path of least resistance.

John Shimwell
Mountain View, CA

Editor:

I have been told that the Billy Meier case has been proven to be a complete deception. Is this true? How could he pull the wool over so many eyes and fool so many scientists? What about the computer analysis, the metal sample, and so much footage? Please advise if I heard correctly—that his story is false.

Wanda Laborde
Houston, TX

Ed. Note: The Gulf Breeze and Billy Meier cases are in the same crazy ball-park. The evidence in each case is both hotly disputed and strongly supported by dogfighting "experts," and centers on very nice, very real-looking photography. But in the Billy Meier case particularly, overall viability appears to hinge more on ufological sophistry and popular reaction rather than methodical, LONG-TERM investigation based on a prescribed set of standards. When it comes to how far a given UFO case gets in the eyes of the public, propaganda is the name of the game. Oh, and Wanda—the metal sample "disappeared" a long time ago. A single computer analysis is insufficient. The footage? Moving pictures—pictures can be hoaxed. Is Billy's story false? Is Ed Hanson's story false?

Until further notice, ***UFO****'s equivocal, tentative answer is a hazily definite maybe!*

Editor:

Please do not renew my subscription to ***UFO***. I have more magazines than I can read. and am getting more direct information from the channeled ETs themselves rather than so much disbelief, argument and fruitless speculation.

The book review of ***Transformation*** by Martin Cannon (Vol. 3, No. 4) was an insult to the intelligence of anyone who has read the book, not to mention Strieber himself. If Cannon wants to call himself a UFO researcher, let him expand his investigations into the areas of channelled information where he may discover information more directly applicable to cases on record, instead of making wild, half-baked assertions based on his own ignorance.

Joan Bishop
Highland Park, CA

N E W S

Alien Briefing for Ex-Spies

By Don Ecker

Nov. 22—Claiming that the situation is "all over except for the shouting," controversial UFO researcher John Lear today informed Nevada members of the Association of Former Intelligence Officers about the ongoing alien invasion of earth.

A commercial pilot who once flew covert missions for the CIA, Lear first released his shocking hypothesis in 1987.

Speaking in low tones before a crowd gathered at the Las Vegas Elks Club, he began the meeting by showing a video on the assassination of John F. Kennedy, a portion of the famed Zapruder film focusing on what appears to be a secret service agent firing the fatal bullet into President Kennedy's forehead.

Kennedy vs. MJ-12?

According to Lear, part of the reason Kennedy was murdered was the president's opposition to the top-secret governmental UFO policy group called MJ-12 and his threat to fracture the CIA. The audience of former intelligence officers was noticeably quiet. After showing the clip, Lear called for a show of hands, asking who in the audience would have been willing to have played a part in the murder of Kennedy had they had been ordered to participate. Four in the audience raised their hands, one of them a woman.

When he spoke about his hypothesis concerning the alleged infestation of the grey alien entities on planet earth—and the claim that our government has "sold out" in a technology-for-abduction deal—he was generally very well received.

Speaking almost by rote, Lear laid out his story and punctuated it with various videotapes in support of his position paper, including TV segments showing researcher William

John Lear

Moore's anonymous intelligence sources, "Falcon" and "Condor." He then entertained questions from the audience.

As always, Lear refused to reveal his sources of information, remaining highly secretive about their identities. He believes the alleged invasion has proceeded to the point where no amount of resistance will be effective, yet does not see an armed show of force from his alleged aliens.

Field Trip

On the following day, Lear took a visitor out to his home on the outskirts of Nellis Air Force Base, where they reviewed videotapes of recent abduction victims from the Dulce, NM area. At the end of seeing footage of a long and sometimes tedious regression, Lear ordered his visitor to sit down. Out came a document ostensibly just recieved. Lear extracted a promise from the visitor not to reveal the author's identity.

This individual is a well-known research scientist, however. According to the document, he had just returned from Dulce, where he had gone to conduct research in an area alleged as the vicinity of an underground alien base.

The document's author is presented as a former skeptic turned believer, having described observing craft coming down from the sky and entering cliffside entrances.

Something's Going On

According to Lear's documents, copies of testimony and various film clips, *something* ominous is occuring. But many have been alienated by the way he presents his information. Having received flak from all corners of the UFO community, Lear has become increasingly sensitive to questions concerning not only his paper, but what he perceives as personal attacks impugning his honesty and integrity. He becomes very coy or angry when questioned about his sources or in what ways he has secured his information, and as explanation will insist his contacts are in sensitive positions.

Is the alien invasion hypothesis to be believed? Lear may very well be on to something with his story, but how far it should be accepted is open to question.

Bigfoot/Lizard Man Reappears in Virginia

Bigfoot or the Lizard Man has made an appearance in Wythe County, Virginia, the site of a large ongoing UFO flap since late 1986.

According to reporter Danny Gordon, of the Southwest Virginia UFO Group, an unidentified minister and his family claimed to have been chased by a mysterious creature in the Austinville area of Wythe County.

Described as seven feet in height, the creature weighed over 500 pounds, with green, hairy skin, red eyes and exuded a strong stench. It was also seen by a number of other witnesses, who declined to go public with their sighting for fear of ridicule, Gordon reports.

Besides this new development, which occurred in late summer, mysterious UFO overflights continue to occur in Wythe County, he added.

Funds Sought For MJ-12 Investigation

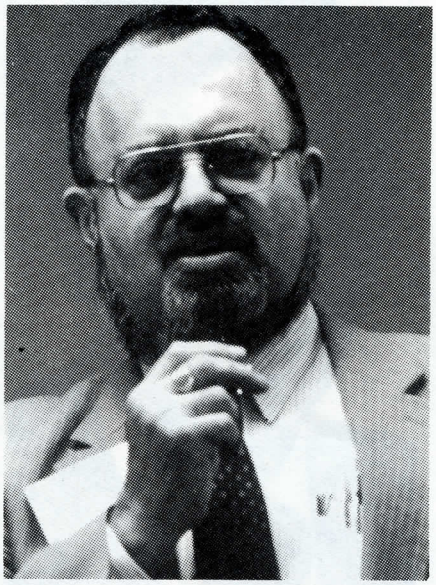
The Fund for UFO Research in Maryland is rallying financial support to underwrite the investigative research of nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman, whose proposed efforts will focus exclusively on the MJ-12 mystery.

Already forthcoming are a promised matching grant of $5,000 from *Transformation* author Whitley Strieber and an unspecified amount from an anonymous European donor. Ultimately, the Fund hopes to raise $16,000 for the investigation, which will be undertaken to substantiate the existence of MJ-12. Friedman will access needed archival material and arrange personal interviews with friends, relatives and associates of original MJ-12 officials.

A widely-recognized term in ufology, MJ-12 refers to a top-secret, intergovernmental policy-making body exclusively concerned with the UFO situation, said to have been responsible for close monitoring of UFO activity and individuals and for engineering the assumed "UFO coverup."

Not Yet Proved

In his proposal, Friedman states that MJ-12 "appears to control the American government's relationship with alien civilizations/UFOs." Such statements and the very existence of this group have not been proved, and hinge primarily on the anonymous leaking of a briefing document which itself has not yet been proven authentic. (The release and dissemination of the MJ-12 briefing paper to the media, the public and the UFO community has been handled almost exclusively by California researchers William Moore and Jaime Shandera, although other researchers claim to have had similar MJ-12 information well before the briefing document was leaked to Shandera in 1984. Moore and Shandera, who also arranged the recent TV airing of voice-disguised statements by alleged UFO deep-throats code-named "Falcon" and "Condor," have close ties to members of the intelligence community.)



Stanton Friedman

Roswell Clues

Friedman provided background and assisted Moore with his book *The Roswell Incident*, co-written with Charles Berlitz, which contains details that closely relate to clues on the MJ-12 trail.

Though the summarized proposal being released by the Fund fails to note exactly where and how previous research came to light, Friedman says the work uncovered enough substantial connections between already-validated UFO data and the MJ-12 hypothesis to warrant his current investigative proposal.

"The MJ-12 document, received in 1984, outlined the crash and retrieval of a flying saucer in New Mexico in 1947," the proposal introduction states. "The document, purportedly a briefing paper for President-elect Eisenhower, was also the first concrete insight we had into the secret world of MJ-12. It is a world in which 12 men have operated on a level above Top Secret to engineer the cover-up of the reality of UFOs for more than 40 years.

"Anonymous sources inside the U.S. government apparently sent the MJ-12 document to UFO researchers. But in a probably classic example of bureaucratic in-fighting, official sources have not openly acknowledged the document's validity. Therefore, it remains for us to develop corroborating evidence from independent sources in an attempt to build a case for the document's validity—a case sufficiently compelling that it cannot be ignored."

Friedman elaborates, "When the MJ-12 documents were received in 1984, I found that 11 persons listed as MJ-12 members were persons I had already identified as connected to the Roswell event."

Ed. Note: Contributions for the MJ-12 investigation are tax deductible and can be forwarded to the Fund for UFO Research at P.O. Box 277, Mt. Rainier, MD 20712.

Upcoming Events

OZARK UFO CONFERENCE—Planning is underway for the first of what is hoped to be a series of annual UFO conferences at Eureka Springs, Arkansas. The first Ozark UFO Conference will be held on April 14, 15 & 16, 1989.

Speakers are still being selected, but as of press time commitments have been already forthcoming from Bob Pratt, Dr. Thomas Bullard, Dr. James Deardorff, Robert Reid and Vicki Cooper. Conference host Lucius Farish indicates that British researchers Timothy Good and Norman Oliver will probably also be participating.

The cost of the entire conference is $35; payments can be sent to UFO Newclipping Service, Rt. 1, Box 220, Plumerville, AK or to Ed Mazur at Rt. 3, Box 302, Mena, AR 71953.

OMEGA—Organizing well ahead of time, Omega Communication head John White has initiated plans for the 1989 Omega UFO Conference in North Haven, Connecticutt, to be held Nov. 11 and 12, 1989.

Speakers already on board include Walt Andrus, Jerry Clark, Vicki Cooper and Sherie Stark, John Keel, Bill Moore, Travis Walton and David Webb.

For further information, write White at Omega Communications, 60 Pound Ridge Rd., Cheshire, CT 06410.

PEOPLE

In focus...

Dave Williamson

When producers of the splashy syndicated TV special "UFO Cover-Up? Live" were seeking someone to present our space agency's line on UFOs, they first thought of the SETI folks.

The high tech angle was eventually discarded; a more direct governmental spokesperson was needed to address the charge of "cover-up." So NASA veteran Dave Williamson, special assistant for policy integration, was summarily drafted into the job.

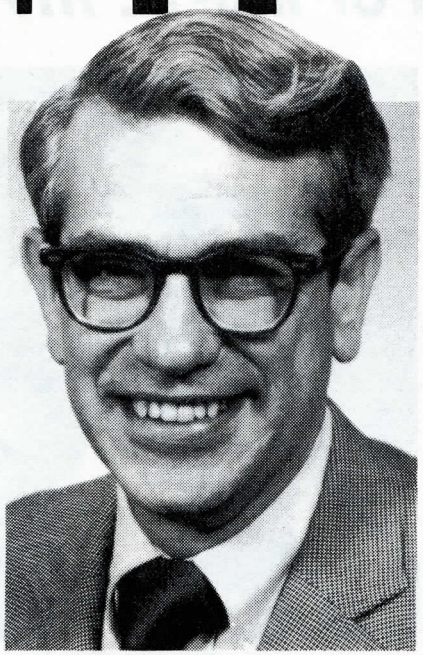
Williamson was called on to represent the Other Side of ufology, the side that allegedly hides things and glosses them over with a stiff bureaucratic veneer. "Somebody had to do it," Williamson said, recalling the casual, grinning Mike Farrell introducing him as "NASA's point man on UFOs."

"Don't make more of [that job] than it is," Williamson cautions. "It's an additional duty that's assigned as it comes up . . . I'm an administrator for NASA when the agency is too busy to put important people to work on the problem."

Despite the self-effacement, Williamson was obviously important enough to be called back to Washington's NASA headquarters after the Challenger exploded, sending shocked officials running to reevaluate and recoup. Though retired and worn from a long battle with cancer, he agreed to come back to work.

First order of business—smoothing policy in the wake of NASA's—and America's—turmoil and despair. The Discovery shuttle mission was a much-needed win. Now, other important space projects continue to move along, and things are a bit more back on track.

Williamson suggests that the recent TV appearance peeled back a corner on his past official responsibilities regarding UFOs. "I've been involved, from NASA's point of view, from the early'60s, when people have had questions or when studies have been done."



Dave Williamson

After Jimmy Carter entered the White House in 1976, Williamson was among the members of a NASA-spearheaded group asked to look into the UFO question—an apparent effort to make good on Carter's campaign promise that his administration would open the files on UFOs.

The record shows that Carter didn't get anywhere. The resultant general assumption, among UFO buffs, is that MJ-12 or whomever sits at the helm keeps it all under wraps. Williamson offers the counterview: "[Such] intergovernment groups that deal with problems, real problems—their proceedings are properly classified. Some quite *improperly*. But the fact of their existence after any period of time is almost impossible, in an open society called America, to keep secret. That's number one—

"—Number two, the idea that such a group can in fact control real information of the nature we're discussing—the existence of extraterrestrials, people imprisoned for years and years, well, it's just a . . ." Williamson pauses, ". . . what's a polite way of saying bullshit? It's highly improbable. The system doesn't work that way. I base that on 30 years of experience.

". . . If there seems to be a set of [UFO] phenomena, whether they are internally induced or externally real, I don't know," Williamson admits in his clipped tones. "And I'm sure as hell am not going to guess, and I'm not going to make up my mind as a prophet or naysayer. I don't believe or disbelieve."

NASA policy, he says, conforms to that noncomittal attitude. Eleven years have passed since the Carter science committee tackled UFOs. "We came to the notion that if a new era of hard evidence were to come to our attention, it would be appropriate for a NASA laboratory to analyze and report on an otherwise unexplainable organic or inorganic sample," Williamson offers.

NASA, policymakers declare, is still waiting.

In brief...

Richard Henry

Running in the next ***Journal for Scientific Exploration***, published by Pergamon Press, is an historical look at NASA's dealings with the UFO question during the Carter years. Its author is Dr. Richard Henry, an astronomy professor at Johns Hopkins University in Maryland.

"I've had a general interest in the UFO subject for over 20 years, but have never done much about it," Henry says—a statement that might be a bit off the mark. Henry was the astrophysics consultant for the now-defunct Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO) and is also a member of the scientific board of the Center for UFO Studies in Illinois.

Henry's research background looks appropriately stellar. In 1976, he took a two-year leave from the University to became NASA's deputy director of the Astrophysics Division.

Today he names his specialty as cosmic ultraviolet background radiation. "In looking at 'fringe' science, where gigantic breakthroughs are in principle possible, I choose to stick to areas where I judge that a real *possibility* of a breakthrough exists," he has said. "The UFO phenomenon fits that category very well."

UFO . . . MediaWatch

The ripples from "UFO Cover-Up? Live," TV's documentary-cum-potboiler in mid-October from ***LBS Communications***, have only just barely made inroads toward a real legitimacy in televised coverage of UFO material. If production exec ***Curt Brubaker*** had been able to get his way, he says, a hard, investigative focus would have been mandatory. Although many considered the broadcast a breakthrough of sorts—certainly new information was shared—things were pulled together in a production style that didn't sit too well with everyone. ***UFO*** and many others were especially tickled—when not downright aggravated—by the relentlessly creepy organ music and ultimately vapid disclosures by William Moore's deep throats. (An alien species into Tibetan bells and strawberry ice cream? Didn't I once have a hippie boyfriend with those same endearing penchants? ***Condor*** 'n' ***Falcon***—come *on*, fellas . . !) Moore now reports that two Congressional reps are "interested" in hearing the Feathered Ones testify under oath. To what? That is the question! Would *any* rational Congressperson, forced to square off with a national security-obsessed Bush administration, risk his or her political reputation to spearhead a serious look at what could be intelligence frippery? What kind of talk does it take to ignite such Congressional derring-do? Better yet, what kind of *evidence?* In the meantime, you may notice the ad that Moore & Co. have taken out—that's footage LBS sacrificed when the Soviet satellite feed took longer than expected. Yes, ladies and gentlemen: Heeere's ***Doty***!

UFOINTEL: Ah, the mystery deepens—we're told that persons associated with the LBS show are having their expense checks paid by Grey Advertising out of New York, which has no small reputation for being a CIA front . . . other sources close to intelligence (or something) tell us that another Big Item smacking of Respect, Credibility, Breakthrough and Officialdom now looms on the UFO horizon. (Moore-Shandera have nothing to do with it, these sources claim, *but* the CIA just may!) . . .

Intelligence likes to lie, remember . . .

COMPUSCOOP: And apparently they also like to fool around. ***Jim Speiser*** kicked intelligence-connected ***John Lear*** and ***Bill Cooper*** off the Paranet computer information system, after a series of their contradictions and obfuscations began polluting the message board. Not wanting Paranet to become a "home for unwed paranoids," Speiser issued an explanation and list of the mens' alleged infringements. Lear, of course, is media's first line to an alien-underground-bases-and-invasion scenario the likes of which even ***John Carpenter*** hasn't thought of yet. (For you cloak 'n' dagger, Earth-under-siege freaks: be sure to see Carpenter's ***They Live***.)

Cooper—no relation to ***UFO*** co-publisher—first contacted this magazine and Paranet with a UFO sighting he says he and other crewmembers had in 1966 while onboard the Navy submarine *Tiru*. Once that launched him in the UFO research community, Cooper began tossing out little items about UFO documents and MJ-12 that Speiser says didn't check out. (Not all Paranet users and systems operators agree with Speiser's decision to boot 'em off.)

Just think—when ***UFO*** gets on line, we'll get to jump in and play this little game, too! Uh, swell.

MAIN MEDIA: Shirley MacLaine ain't the only one to go out on a limb and draw a huge share of public anihillation. Some of the more articulate (or louder) voices on the cosmic fringe are Getting Theirs from hard-headed journalists. ***The Nation***, that liberal thing, pickled Whitley Strieber's ***Transformation*** with a review as remorseless as battery acid. Then, newish space-tech magazine ***Final Frontier*** mimicked ***Skeptical Inquirer*** and lambasted ***The Monuments of Mars*** author ***Richard Hoagland*** with a critique that for all its intellectual fervor never quite explained just *why* Hoagland's theories don't pan out. (***UFO*** had a pro-ET fondness for the Mars Face awhile back; we're now re-thinking that structure.)

TV: . . . All these hatchet jobs continue while Hollywood and Madison Avenue unreservedly invite little abducting alien prototypes to invade commerce at will. There's just no room to list the movies now out and upcoming, but on TV, producer ***Art Clokey*** has given his new ***Gumby*** series its own big-eyed, little grey alien character for the kiddies to coo over, on local and cable TV nationwide. And watch for ***Minolta***'s Freedom Camera ad on TV—a veritable rally for the little grey guys. And the list of car commercials with unmistakeable UFO-ET motifs is endless . . .

MCA Home Video reports that the consumer video of Steven Spielberg's hard-to-miss Christ metaphor, ***ET***, deftly marketed with Pepsi Cola in a real deal, is outstripping all other MCA vid sales except for ***Cinderella***. At press time, ET pre-order sales were at 10.6 million.

BOOKS: Watch for the new book by CIA watchdog/reporter ***Fred Landis***—who was quoted in last issue of ***UFO***—entitled ***The CIA Propaganda Machine***, published by Ramparts Press. In it, Landis focuses primarily the Company's wide-ranging foreign propaganda efforts.

Finally! A canny New York journalist is tackling the UFO cover-up in a book to be published by Simon & Schuster. ***Howard Blum***, author of ***I Pledge Allegiance***, a book on the Walker spy case, isn't previewing too much just yet, but he did tell us this: "If you call up the Department of Defense and ask them in what ways various branches of the military are involved in the UFO problem, they'll say active investigation ended with Project Blue Book. My book will prove that that's simply not true."—***V.C.***

F O R U M

Call for Ufological 'Summit'

By Don Ecker

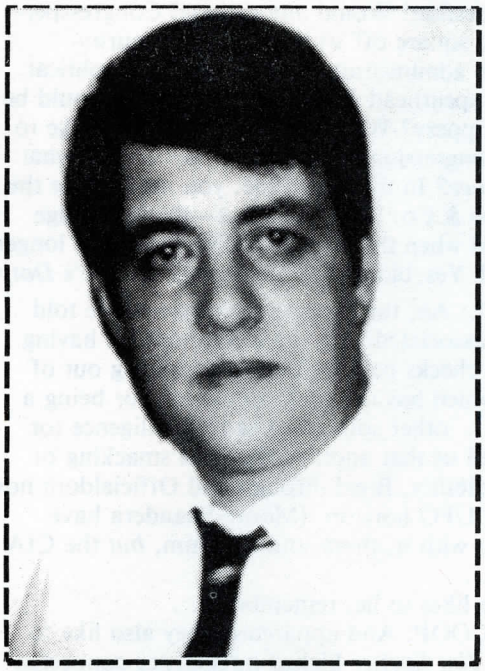
Today, turmoil like never before rips through the UFO community. As in years past, charges, countercharges and fingerpointing are the scourge of ufology. Even if there were no coverup perpetrated by the powers-that-be, ufology has again shown itself to be its own worst enemy. As apparent as that is to the community at large, what may not be as apparent is what can and should be done to bring this fragmented body back to ufology's original purpose—solving or at least moving forward toward solving the enigma of UFOs.

But first, the turmoil and infighting must be ameliorated. How did we arrive at this state of affairs and what can be done to clear the air? No one organization or body of ufologists is exempt. As a Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) state section director and a systems operator of the Paranet Computer System, Paranet RHO, I have witnessed this relentless turmoil affecting large portions of the field. The latter-day furor goes back to William Moore and Jaime Shandera's release of the MJ-12 material, to John Lear's shocking and controversial "hypothesis" on alien-governmental bases and deals, up to the current ongoing situation with the Gulf Breeze case. Charges and countercharges fly, the fingers madly point, people are fired from various organizations and others are dropped from computer information systems. And as always, apparently government-connected types move in and out of the whole drama. Much like the ongoing UFO flap, the turmoil shows absolutely no sign of letting up.

The question of whether there is pertinent government interest or concern has been answered to my satisfaction by the excellent book *Clear Intent* as well as several other works that have been released in the past several years. Personally, I don't feel it is a question of whether or not the government is involved with the phenomenon, but rather why they still keep it under airtight wraps. It has been suggested recently that the enigma may be more insidious than many realize, with investigations pointing to "abductions," genetic experimentation, breeding attempts using human ova or sperm, and mutilations of domestic livestock.

If any of the allegations now surfacing are correct, this is the time for the UFO community to pull together instead of pulling apart. One of the most common complaints I hear says that "heavy hitters" in the UFO community are concerned with selling another book at the expense of solving the enigma. If this is the case, then people will still be wrestling with the question of UFOs for another 40 years—and still be no closer to the truth.

Is it possible there could be so much heavy smoke, and no fire? We've reached the point where we must become organized and follow through to a conclusion on what is really happening with UFOs and ufology. It is apparent that the U.S. government is not going to release any plausible, checkable information in the near future, yet public awareness of the subject is at a critical high. The only alternatives for research and interested public alike are the bonafide civilian UFO research groups once they are able, if ever, to get back to the job of serious investigation.



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Ufological 'Team Effort'

With the recent TV special "UFO Cover-up? Live," and the current crop of books and the soon-to-be-released films covering UFOs and the abduction phenomenon, the public consciousness has been greatly piqued toward looking more seriously into the subject. However, until such time as the UFO community gets its own house in order, nothing of substance will be accomplished. When I was a very young troop going into Viet Nam for the first time, the "old hands" burned into our consciousness that no one individual or "hero" ever won a war. It was a team effort, and only by a team effort would anyone survive. The same holds true for ufology, and must hold true if the UFO information base and our own attitudes are to move forward.

Many of us have witnessed the various UFO organizations that have come and gone over the years. NICAP and APRO are just two examples, but the same will hold true for any current organization if something is not done and done soon.

What I feel to be an answer follows. It is a simple suggestion, but I fear will be really tough to pull off because many will have to put aside pettiness and fragile egos. I feel that a conference must be held in order to get all the principals under one roof, pool available information, make a determination on what appears to be happening, what should be done and how to best get the information out to the American people. Again: if some of the allegations about UFOs are correct, then without sounding melodramatic, it is possible that the human race could very well be at a crossroads. If this is so, then how will history judge today's sorry state of affairs?

Ufological 'Names'

I propose to host such a conference, if sufficient interest and commitment is generated by the following individuals: William Moore, Jaime Shandera, Budd Hopkins, Phil Imbrogno, Walt Andrus, Dale Goudie, William Pitts, John Lear, William Cooper, Ted Markley, Larry Fawcett, Barry Greenwood, Peter Gersten and several others who may be of benefit. Interest has already been forthcoming from Lear and Pitts. I also invite input on others who may participate.

If there is a genuine desire to clear up the smoke and reach the light in UFO awareness, then all of those challenged will reach the only logical, responsible conclusion, and wholeheartedly agree to this landmark meeting.

*Ed. Note: **UFO** supports the above proposal, and will be furnishing further details as plans develop.*

Fed's UFO Gameplan At Work

By Ron Schaffner

For more than 40 years, many UFO researchers have been breaking the cardinal rule of investigating. That is, they are not eliminating *all* the possibilities before listing or assuming off-planet origins for an alleged sighting, encounter or unknown object.

Even if an object is a true unknown craft, does it have to be an *extraterrestrial* ship?

Following are some thoughts on a feasible alternative to the extraterrestrial hypothesis—termed the "federal hypothesis"—and how I believe it manipulates the belief system of the populace.

As explained in ***UFO***'s last issue (vol. 3, No. 4), a primary aspect of the "control factor" in one of its primary aspects refers to the possibility that certain documentation and other data are purposely planted into the hands of ufologists with the sole intention of distributing false or misleading information to the general public. I agree with this scenario.

To fully understand the scope of the situation, one has to have some idea of how the intelligence community operates. Any nation has to keep the propaganda machine working to influence the populace to continue supporting its policies. In a democracy with freedom of the press, such as the United States, intelligence groups have a two-fold job: to collect information that is categorized as top secret, and to find ways of covering up that information to the press. When leaks do occur, they use the term "plausible denial," or simply put, they lie. A more sophisticated method of coverup is *disinformation*, the process of distributing data that are intentionally misleading, to divert press and public attention away from sensitive information.

These methods have been used to distract the populace from activities abroad, as well as domestically. During the '50s, the government played upon anti-communist sympathies (i.e., "Red Scare," McCarthyism) to somewhat control the public. During the '60s, the FBI and CIA infiltrated the anti-war movement and college campuses with the intention of gathering intelligence on dissident personalities and organizations.

We can put the national security/control factor/paranoia puzzle together with respect to the modern-day UFO enigma. If we accept crashed objects with any validity, then there are serious indications that the U.S. government may have been involved in a massive coverup of illegal testing of cross-state rockets and military experiments. Ohio UFO Investigator's League, Inc. (OUFOIL) and Ground Saucer Watch in Arizona both have obtained documents from the Freedom of Information Act process and other sources which clearly establish that as early as the mid-'40s, branches of the military and other government agencies have been involved with programs of aerial testing of advanced craft.[1] In 1945, the Hermes Project was established by the Army Ordnance Department. During a 10-year program, 103 missiles were fired, including 67 German V-2 rockets from the White Sands testing area. If examined closely, events surrounding the well-known Roswell UFO crash reveal problems engendered by erratic missile firings during the time of the alleged saucer crash, and some factual discrepancies come to light which bring the generally-accepted ufological explanation of the Roswell incident into question.[2]

A few of those FOIA documents also implicate the FBI in the incident. The Dallas office dispatched a message to Cincinnati, describing the disc as hexagon-shaped and attached to a balloon. Actually, the FBI became interested in UFO reports after a special request by the Army for assistance. However, in September of 1947, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover became suspicious of the Army, which only wanted the FBI to handle cases of "discs" found on the ground and incidents of "ash can covers, toilet seats and whatnot." Hoover believed the Army Air Force was attempting to limit FBI investigative powers. He further thought that Bureau officials were being used as "bird dogs," or legmen. Perhaps Hoover had a hunch about what was going on. He certainly knew he could not keep tabs on all the ex-

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periments being conducted by the Army and Navy.[3]

Since then, there would be many more military experiments that have been classified, and government would need ways to keep the lid tight for security reasons. To make matters worse, branches of the military keep their classified projects secret from *other* branches, and intelligence agencies operate in the same competitive, secretive manner. It's a case of the government's right hand not knowing what the left hand is doing. The FBI could be said to hate the CIA, and vice versa.

Constraints on Project Blue Book were related to this inter-agency factionalism. The Air Force program was operated with a very small crew, and if a witness reported an incident that was actually a Navy experiment, Blue Book officials would not be able to trace it. The Navy would simply say they had no projects in the air at the time. This sort of stonewalling occurred with the 1964 Socorro, New Mexico landing case—Blue Book was unable to retrieve the appropriate information from the White Sands Missile Range (Army and NASA).[4]

There are still so many experimental aircraft in our skies that ordinary citizens would be amazed. Many of the earlier prototypes, in fact, resemble flying saucers. Look at the "flying wing," the "flying platform" and the "flying flapjack" to get an idea of the obvious crossover between our own high-tech aerial craft and the UFO enigma, a crossover which has proved useful to the forces of propaganda and disinformation.

During the late '40s, several classified programs began to investigate the UFO problem. Many writers, such as Ray Palmer, energetically wrote about extraterrestrials visiting this planet. In the early documents of the Army, FBI, etc., these objects were referred to as "flying discs," but there was little discussion of extraterrestrials until the CIA-sponsored Robertson Panel convened in 1953. Since Palmer and others had already journalized the ET theory, the subliminal idea of extraterrestrial visitation was already planted into the subconscious awareness of the body politic. Hollywood science fiction movies would also further the cause. What better way to draw the public's attention away from covert testing of advanced aircraft than to create a belief system of ET?

In many ways, the control factor is an intricate part of the intelligence apparatus. CIA agents report to ranking officers, who are sometimes referred to as "control." The layers of operations and operatives are unfathomable. Trying to leave "the Company," as the CIA is sometimes called, is like attempting to leave the mob. There really is no way out.

Applying the control factor to the UFO situation is a matter of simple logic. If the government wants to keep a certain belief system alive, just place disinformation into the hands of those who can distribute it and who have some credibility. Leonard Stringfield and William Moore are two names that immediately come to mind, although to my knowledge there is currently no absolute proof that either of these gentlemen has been or is being used in this way.

But like a number of others at work in the UFO field, they conceivably could be recipients of bogus material, not truly knowing who the original source is. Is it coincidence that the alleged MJ-12 documents came forth just as UFO phenomena was at an all-time low? Since the release of that information and the upsurge in abductions and abduction-oriented books and other media, there has been new life in UFO research.

It should be noted that the abduction scenario has some of the earmarks of early drug experimentation by the government, most notably secret testing of LSD in a program named MKULTRA. The CIA was involved with this drug as far back as the '50s. Many times, factions in the government experiment with its own citizens in an attempt to gather intelligence on psychological warfare, etc.[5]

Taken as a whole, the manipulations of the control factor paint a sinister picture, and drain credibility from the idea of visiting aliens. Yet as long as there are writers and researchers pushing the ET theory—and as long as some cases remain genuinely UFO after all other explanations have been eliminated—the government need not worry. They can hide behind that popularized belief system.

As much as I have said about the inherent dangers of covert intelligence, I have never been harrassed. Nor have other writers and researchers I know who express themselves in the same vein. That's the beauty of freedom of the press.

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Uncovering Modern UFO 'Myth'

By R. Perry Collins

The time was late '50s—a military transport was crossing the Atlantic towards the United States. As it approached Newfoundland, the crew noticed three large glowing objects, seemingly on the surface of the ocean, and decided to move in for a better look. The aircraft began to circle the area. The three objects then suddenly and rapidly rose from the sea on an intercept course. Passengers and crew got a very good look at the craft, each of which was larger than the four-engined transport. After circling for several minutes, the three discs departed at high speed.[1]

Upon landing at Goose Bay, Labrador, everyone on board the transport was interrogated for several hours by military intelligence officers and were then isolated and forced to wait while more intelligence personnel were flown in from the mainland. Passengers and crew were then interrogated once more, this time by plainclothes operatives. Soon after, they were all flown to Washington, D.C. where they were again extensively questioned by intelligence agents and shown albums of UFO photographs. The witnesses were asked to point out the type of craft they had seen.

During different phases of the inquiry, it became evident that the military and civilian intelligence officers were well aware of the UFO phenomenon and had considerable prior information and experience with it; this sort of official investigation was typical of covert efforts to research UFO reports involving the military and was standard operating procedure *during the 1950s*.

Blue Book 'Front'

At the time of this incident, Project Blue Book, the official U.S. Air Force effort to investigate UFOs, was staffed by one officer, two non-coms, an airman and a secretary. Then who were all the other intelligence officers? Why were they so interested in a UFO encounter? Project Blue Book was never more than a front, a cover operation designed primarily for public relations and maintained in an effort to keep the actual UFO investigations out of the limelight. Often the officers in charge were kept ignorant of the real situation, ending up with the belief that the UFO situation was actually insignificant.

The real nature and extent of intelligence agency interest in UFOs, ongoing since the late '40s, are staggering. Intelligence efforts have encompassed all of the federal intelligence agencies at both the military and civil levels, effectively penetrating the UFO community with their covert activities. The Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI), Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI), FBI, CIA NSA and the Army's Defense Intelligence Agency have all been directly and deeply involved in the UFO situation.[2] Their investigations have consistently been classified above top secret, disallowing even presidential access without a "need to know."

Federal intelligence agencies have focused their efforts in three primary ways. One: All efforts are made to obtain as much information as possible about UFO events. This includes close monitoring and surveillance of civilian UFO groups and private investigators.[3] Two: Efforts are made to suppress this same information and prevent it from becoming public knowledge, including the creation of propaganda chiefly directed through the movie industry and through prominent public personalities.[4]

The manufacture of alternate explanations of UFO phenomena also fits into the intelligence community's UFO program. For example, flights of aircraft have been initiated subsequent to the appearance of the "Westchester Wing" UFO, in order to compromise the reliability of genuine UFO reports.[5]

As sinister and senseless as they may sound, these wide-ranging efforts may not be entirely without rationale; UFOs and UFO-related events are very real and can seem very threatening. There are incidents which, if fully revealed at the time of their occurrence, could deeply chill the American public and produce conditions which lead to panic.

I ran across such an incident in 1985. In an interview with a Navy veteran, a story emerged that even I, as an experienced investigator, found to be very sobering.

In the early '70s, this man was serving aboard a ship that was part of a Caribbean task force, sailing out of the Roosevelt Roos Naval Base in Puerto Rico. Early one day, as his ship and two others engaged in maneuvers several hours from their base, the crews began receiving an automatic SOS. Somewhere nearby, a ship was in trouble, and its radio operator had flipped a switch which put out an automatic, repeating SOS. Signal technicians determined that the SOS was originating south of the Florida Keys, and the three ships—less than four hours away—were deployed to the location at top speed.

Upon their arrival, they found a recreational cruise ship dead in the water. The ship, identified as an Italian liner out of New York, bound for Puerto Rico, was hailed with no response. Armed Marines were ordered to board the craft.

No Life Aboard

The ship was totally abandoned, yet with no sign of struggle or disturbance; lifeboats were still in place and meals in dining areas appeared partially eaten. Animal cages below decks were opened and empty. More than 200 people had completely disappeared. The soldiers, visibly shaken by the incident, were returned to their troop carrier and the abandoned ship was towed to Roosevelt Roos. Aircraft were immediately dispatched to backtrack the passage of the ship in an attempt to trace the missing people, but nothing was found.

Once at the Naval base, the ship was placed under heavy guard and the docking area surrounded with barbed wire. Agents from the ONI, along with numerous plainclothes investigators, came and went from the ship for several days. Reports surfaced which seemed to indicate UFO activity had occurred in the area at the time of the incident. The ship's owner was flown in from Italy and met with U.S. government representatives. Shortly after this meeting, the ship was towed out to sea and deliberately sunk.[6]

Intelligence Interest High

Though the general public is only minimally aware of it, intelligence interest in the UFO situation is at a very intensive level. Considerable evidence indicates that federal intelligence agencies are continuing their investigations of the UFO phenomenon, at a massive and completely covert level. The agencies do not stop at gathering information; witnesses are silenced and the media convinced to more or less look the other way. Local authorities have been asked to censor their statements and various creative but essentially inane schemes have been manufactured to provide explanations and mold public opinion about UFOs.[7]

This intensive infiltration by intelligence officers into the UFO scene is far more than an attempt to learn the details of UFO technology. The games they play in the field are serious contests; UFOs apparently have the highest intelligence priority since the Manhattan Project.[8] But why? What do these agencies know that the public as yet does not? What aspect of the UFO situation could be so important that efforts of this scope and persistence can be maintained at a covert level?

These questions cannot yet be fully answered, but factors which form the current public "picture" of UFO events lead to some first threads of understanding. Abduction data and certain examples from the entertainment industry—most notably the miniseries "V" and numerous motion pictures—show that someone wants us to think of UFOs as invaders. It appears this someone has an investment in that public perception.

The UFO phenomenon itself could well be cooperating in fostering that impression. They, too, have acted in a deceptive manner, though their modes of deception appear to be subtle and, to the chagrin of some, quite effective. The intricate and convincing show put on by the UFO phenomenon has at times deceived even those investigators best suited to determine the real nature of UFO events, precisely those men and women who do the most thoroughgoing UFO investigations—intelligence officers!

UFOs are clearly artifacts used by intelligent beings, interacting with the population of our planet. UFOs and their actions properly belong in the realm of espionage and counterespionage—words which mean deception. The deception principle is simple and straightforward: to deceive, you attract the attention of your opponent to what you want him to see and away from what you don't want him to see. Complexity in deception lies entirely in the methods and execution used to snare and mislead, and obviously the best trained and equipped to play that game *is* the intelligence professional.

The UFO myths currently making the rounds are, curiously enough, often promoted by people either directly or indirectly related to government agencies. During his presidency, Ronald Reagan himself alluded several times in public statements to a "threat" from outer space. John Lear, son of William P. Lear, creator of the Lear jet, was employed for several years by the CIA. Now, working as a commercial airline pilot, Lear has been making speeches on the topics of UFOs and aliens, and states that the government has made a deal with the aliens—in exchange for technological information, they're allowed to conduct biological experimentation on humans.

From personal experience and lifelong study, I am convinced that UFOs are material objects used by intelligent beings as vehicles of transport and exploration. But the occupants of these UFOs have displayed such advanced levels of technology and psychic ability that they would never need "permission" to conduct experiments on humans! Either Lear is misguided, or his ex-employer has recruited him as part of an effort to portray UFO occupants as invaders. The kinds of

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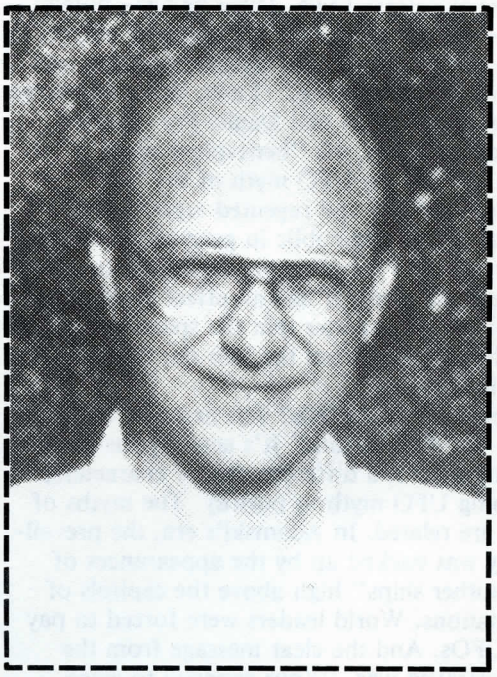

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rumors he seems to be spearheading originate around government installations and invariably portray aliens as bad guys—either as invaders or abductors, or both.

Government types often speak with forked tongues—but it may well be that UFO interferences with ICBM bases—backed up with FOIA documentation—is one good reason that government at intelligence, military and executive levels is attempting to foster the concept of "invading aliens." Indeed, the abduction scenario has gained attention and a popularity of sorts, just as alleged government sources are speaking up and clearing their deep throats with hot info and innuendo about invading aliens. Mere coincidence? Perhaps, but a fascinating one.

UFO Myth and Message

Monitoring and directing the public's beliefs about UFOs, a massive *control system* underlies the entire phenomenon. Just what is this control system and how does it operate? In the recent past, the system can be discerned from the experiences of contactee George Adamski, who helped establish the concept of "benevolent space brothers." Adamski, who had a large following, claimed to have had numerous encounters with kind, wise extraterrestrials. These beings—human like ourselves—were coming here from nearby planets in an attempt to warn us about our nuclear weapons and to help us towards world peace.[9] Later, other contactees such as George Van Tassell and Daniel Fry reported similar experiences. Thus, the "benevolent space brother" idea formed the UFO myth of the '50s.

Photographic evidence and repeated reports gave credence to the myth. The public in general, intelligence officers and even UFO investigators during those years began to believe the myth. It had an effect on human consciousness. It didn't matter that the space brothers concept largely collapsed from the '60s on; that was just the next step in the myth.

What's happening in the '80s? The name of the game this decade is "UFO invasion." It's actually the same game with a new slant, a different cast of characters, and a continuing UFO myth to portray. The myths of both decades are related. In Adamski's era, the prevailing mythology was backed up by the appearances of very large "mother ships" high above the capitols of many world nations. World leaders were forced to pay attention to UFOs. And the clear message from the UFOs then portrayed was, "Your capacity to wage atomic warfare has brought us here."

The '80s myth is now backed up by the appearance of UFOs over military bases and weapons installations, and the growing numbers of credible people who claim to be abductees. The message: "You had better unite as a world, because we present you with a threat. We can intervene and control your nuclear weapons and we can abduct your women and children."

Though much different in format, the messages have the same thrust—elimination of nuclear weapons and a united world.

There seems to be some federation of beings—some human, some not—all busily engaged in shaping our perceptions and using the *concept* of "alien beings in advanced spaceships" to do so. Perhaps the intelligence community and similar governmental powers have a direct hand in this, and so in their own clandestine way are part of this "federation."

Whatever the outcome, if any, the UFO myth remains a powerful influence on human consciousness, with a mysterious "management" that seems very invested in the education of humanity over centuries.

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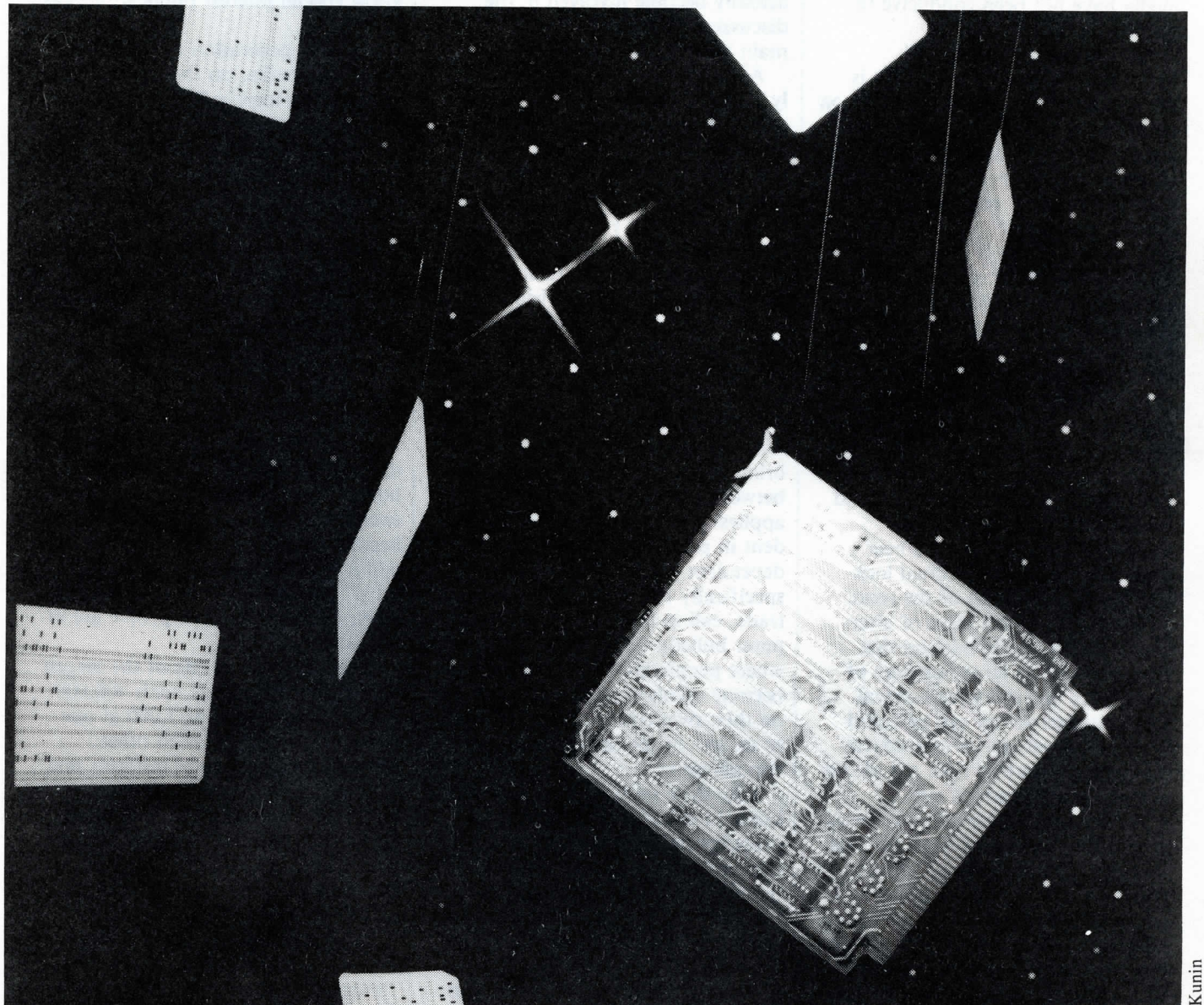
Alternative Media

In our past two issues, we have explored the economic and psychological factors that have acted to trivialize UFO reporting, particularly in mass media. Now, in this third look at how UFO information finds its way into the public eye, we will consider a number of alternative media, some of which have the potential of offering us diverse, specialized views and news about UFOs—and just about everything else.



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Accessing New Technology

UFO News Grows Up

By Sherie Stark

It should come as no surprise that television and other mainstream media have not been conducive to serious UFO reporting.

As media analyst Marshall McLuhan told us, "the medium is the message," and media that rely on selling large numbers of viewers to advertisers must adhere to an easy-to-grasp, easy-to-swallow consensus reality in order to reach those numbers.

In general, there is little use for off-center ideas, whether we're talking about politics, lifestyles, philosophies or the paranormal. When "fringe subjects" are covered at all, they are given a sensationalist edge, as subjects separate and not equal to "real news." UFO and other "oddball" stories are portrayed as fun and amusing breaks from the news, topics to say "gee whiz" and shake one's head at and then dismiss, without skipping a beat from the media's intellectual lock-step down the middle of the road.

But there's a new wave of alternative media on the horizon that does not rely on large numbers of consumers or buyers for survival. Here, distinct voices can be heard and considered, and a meaningful dialogue ensues that does not pledge allegiance to the status quo.

At one time, cable television was seen as the bastion of hope for this "information revolution." Media futurist Gene Youngblood has written at length about cable television's potential to preserve an active, thinking democracy by exposing viewers to a wider variety of ideas than can be seen on broadcast television, a potential he feels is becoming more and more critical in a society where television is replacing print media as the information source of choice. He also speaks urgently of the need to create a participatory, two-way cable television system, where viewers can actually become involved in the discussion of reality, rather than remain merely witnesses to it.

Alas, cable television has essentially churned out more of the same, in terms of Hollywood-inspired, advertising-pulling product. While there has been some exceptional programming created for the cable market, we have yet to see the kind of diversity that would make Youngblood's vision a reality. And his idea of two-way television has unfortunately been developed thus far only in terms of multiple-choice marketing quizzes and expensive, one-shot teleconferencing.

But the idea that expanding and evolving electronic technologies will bring about a different relationship between viewer and broadcaster still applies. Its formative stages are evident in public access television, independent productions made specifically for home video sale and trade, call-in local radio, and computer bulletin boards—all vehicles where people are able to produce or become involved with creating media on their own terms, without having to answer to the lowest common denominator.

Like their print counterparts—books, journals, newsletters and other special-interest publications—these media can afford the luxury of going into subjects in-depth because they are so inexpensive, relative to broadcast or mass publishing.

And they are incredibly easier to access.

For all their value, alternative print media have an inherent restriction because of their limited distribution. Unless you happen to live in a large metropolitan center and spend a lot of time browsing specialty bookstores and newsstands, you may never even know special interest publications exist.

The new generation of evolving electronic media, on the other hand, allows us to merely flip the dial or browse our computer's message area and instantly expose ourselves to new worlds of ideas, information and communication.

In the convenience and leisure of our own homes, we can "tune into" and participate in a virtual universe of choice, whose power, accessibility and diversity are growing daily.

Truly the most participatory of the new media is the computer bulletin board, where the line between publisher and audience becomes almost indistinguishable, and a true "town hall" or "round-table" mentality can flourish—even when great numbers of people are involved.

CompuServe has one of the largest of the bulletin boards, with 400,000 members—as many as 3,000 at one time—hooked up to each other through their computer modems and telephones. They can have "real time" interaction or they can read and respond to the messages at their own convenience, creating a forum that may continue weeks or months as different users add their input.

Every Sunday night, UFOs are discussed in "real time" on the "Paranormal" segment on the "National People and Issues" forum. In the past, guest members have included optical physicist Dr. Bruce Maccabee, author Phil Imbrogno, robotics specialist Bob Oechsler, screenwriter Tracy Torme and abduc-

tion expert Budd Hopkins.

"Members can also leave a note on the message board, such as 'Can anyone tell me where I can find out more about the John Lear hypothesis?' " says Ted Markley, a systems operator for the forum. "Usually within 24 hours somebody will respond with an answer. It might read something like 'Glad you asked that! There are several files in Library 10 on the subject of John Lear, including his original paper and transcript of an online conference we had awhile back.' "

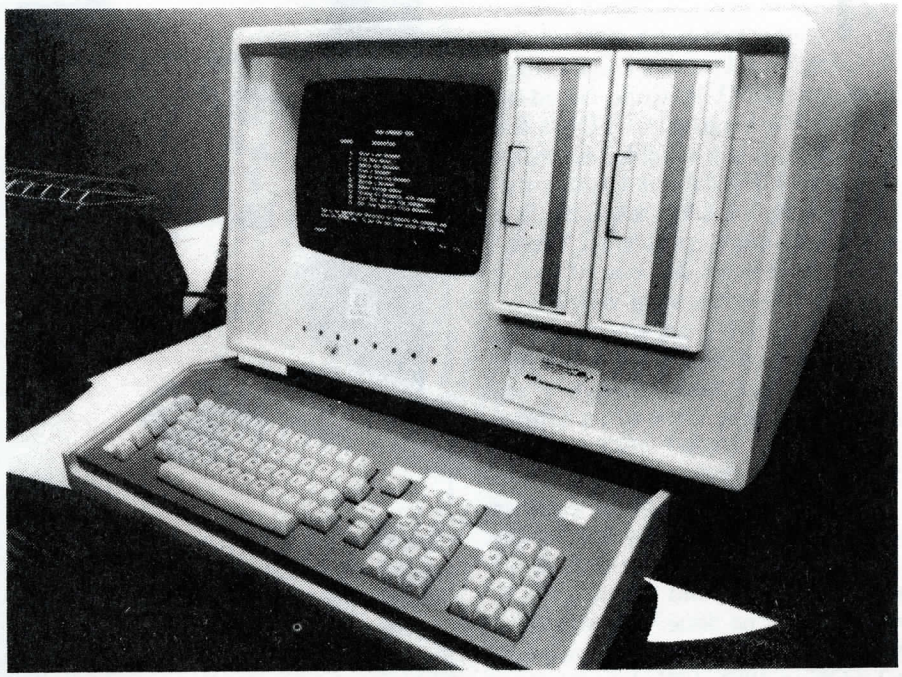
While still in their relative infancy, the computer boards are nonetheless revolutionizing special interest journalism.

"When bulletin boards first started getting big about ten years ago, I was shocked to find that people were using them to talk to each other about what kind of joy stick was new on the market, or what kind of modem to buy. It was as if, in the 1880s, when people first got telephones, they were using them to call each other up and talk about how their new telephones sounded, and that's all they talked about," says Jim Speiser, a freelance journalist from Phoenix, Arizona.

Speiser decided to use the new technology to help bring about a dialogue between believers and skeptics of paranormal phenomena, starting on the CompuServe's "Paranormal" forum.

He later created his own bulletin board called Paranet, which focuses on paranormal issues 24 hours a day and networks with other bulletin boards around the country, which download messages to each other overnight. While not providing "real time" interaction like sophisticated systems such as CompuServe, smaller services such as Paranet are also light years ahead of their print alternatives.

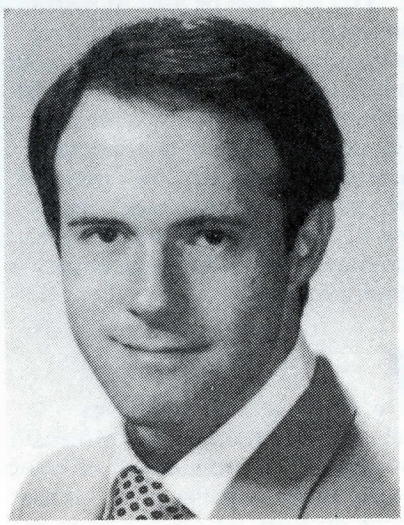
"In a specialized field such as this, the normal medium is the published journal, which maybe comes out once every three months. If you read something you disagree with, you have to write a letter, and you're at the mercy of the editors as to



whether they want to print it or not," says Speiser.

"Even if it's printed, you have to wait another three to six months after that before it's read, whereas with the computer, the interaction takes place at light speed, or overnight. If you write a message that's controversial, you can have a response the very next phone call."

Bulletin boards also give the public direct access to the "newsmakers" in a way that print and electronic media never could, he says.



Jim Speiser

"With a TV series or a talk show, maybe you have Sally Jesse Raphael interviewing an expert like Budd Hopkins, and maybe she goes out into the audience and has a few people talk into the microphone. They're limited by their one hour format, and basically not very much gets discussed. If you put the same people on the computer media, there are no restrictions. Budd can address their questions or objections at will, and they can follow up with more questions."

According to a poll Speiser took of Paranet users, about 70 percent believe in paranormal and UFO activity; 30 percent are skeptics. As Paranet and CompuServe's "Paranormal" forum find their way into more and more bulletin board lists and directories, Speiser hopes more non-believers will be curious enough to call in and participate, because he believes "neither side has a monopoly on truth."

[For information about CompuServe, write to 5000 Arlington Centre Blvd., P.O. Box 20212, Columbus, Ohio 43220, or call (800) 848-8199 (in Ohio, (614) 457-0802.) For access to Paranet, or referrals to Paranet affiliates that may have local phone numbers, call (602) 837-0062.]

Alternative Media

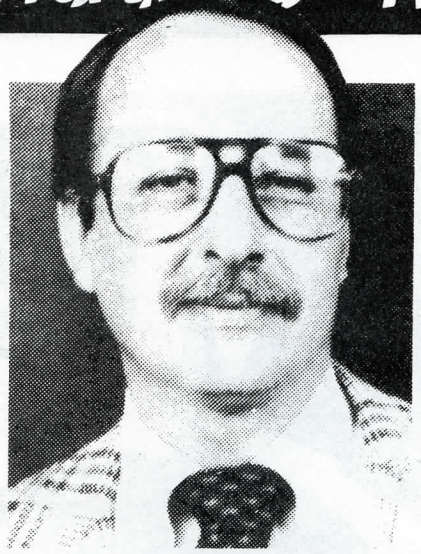
Another computer network focusing on UFOs is CUFON, the Computer UFO Network, based in Seattle, Washington. CUFON's focus is on providing a reliable, accessible source of UFO data and aiding the continuation of UFO research. Due to recent funding problems, it has had to zero in on just one of its menu areas—presenting verified government UFO documents acquired through the Freedom of Information Act. Soon, though, it will put back on line some of its offline storehouse of 50,000 UFO cases from 1947 to 1988.

"We have programs that members can run to evaluate cases for various similarities, so that those can be analyzed further and follow-up research can be done," says Dale Goudie, who founded the non-profit CUFON in 1982. "We have about 200 people actively working with us to scan for information and report back to the home base. About 1,400 people use the system on a regular basis to read about UFO information." [For more information, call (206) 721-5035.]

Goudie says he decided to focus on the computer medium in his efforts to educate the public about UFO data, partly because his experience in other media as a ufologist was so frustrating.

"They want it short and sweet. If you want to focus in on the facts of just one case, they say 'we have to go to a commercial', because they want to move the show along, and they don't think it will hold their audience's attention," he says. "They would rather talk about a trend of cases than show the evidence of one case. And you can't show documents, because they say people won't understand them. They don't have a very high opinion of their audience.

"Once in awhile, you'll get a newspaper or magazine reporter who will spend a couple of weeks researching a story, and maybe he does a good job, but that's rare. Even then he still has to pass it through his editor, who will usually cut any



Dale Goudie

technical data on the case out of the story. Basically, they want to just shoot them with a headline and give them the briefest possible story. The computer network is for people who want to go a little deeper than that—who want to see all the evidence and make up their own minds."

Goudie says he sees computers changing the whole nature of communications over the next ten years, a change he sees in a positive light.

"People are going to be able to talk to their computers, and they'll talk back to them. Without even typing any keys or knowing how to read or write, people will be able to write a letter, so you won't know if they're illiterate or not," he says.

"You will also be able to access moving graphic pictures, digitizing motion picture footage through your computer, so it will be a very visual medium at that point." With scanning devices that will approximate cameras at both ends, they may indeed give us the "two-way" television of Youngblood's dreams, the optimum medium for democratic communication.

In the meantime, as various technologies become more affordable to laypeople, a groundswell of homegrown media is giving us an inkling of the diversity we can expect in the future.

Dave Aaron, a virtual jack-of-all-trades in what can loosely be described as "underground media" [see sidebar], hosts a monthly compilation of tapes from independent producers—made either at home or at local cable companies' public access facilities—on subjects ranging from skateboarding techniques to fishing tips to UFO stories.

With this kind of video trading club, even video amateurs are able to communicate through the medium as they learn about it. Style, technical skills and budget become secondary to content, and nonprofessionals are encouraged to become producers instead of just consumers of media.

Cable stations all over the country are providing time for this kind of public access programming, giving a whole new breed of producers the means to test out their ideas, some of which have been turned down by traditional production companies or stations because they were "uncommercial" or "too narrow in focus."

And new avenues of distribution have risen to market such efforts. In addition to clubs like Aaron's, special interest catalogues are targeting the growing home video market for sales of independently-created videos.

Diverse audio programming is also on the rise. Local radio, particularly in the wee-hour slots, has always had the flexibility to provide offbeat commentary, call-in opinions and experimental programming. Many of

Dave Aaron

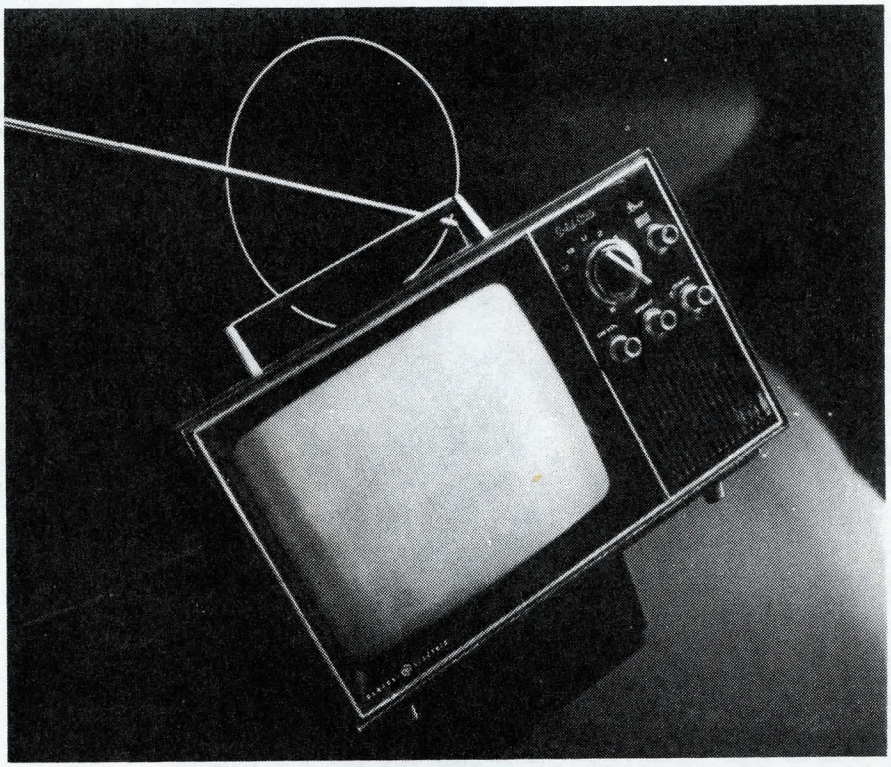
these producers are starting to package and distribute their shows through special interest audio catalogues.

As an increasing variety of information sources becomes available, guidebooks, catalogues, editors' recommendations and summaries will become crucial necessities for people to make their way through the rubble of data competing for their attention.

"A new kind of editor will be needed, just to categorize the information so people can find it," says Paranet's Jim Speiser. "On a computer bulletin board, for instance, stories or files are often listed in the order they came in, not in order of their importance. We are so used to having our information prioritized by other sources—we automatically assume, for instance, that the lead story presented by Dan Rather on the evening news is the most important story we need to know about—that it can be *very* disconcerting to deal with information that hasn't been edited according to its importance yet."

Guiding people to the information they seek, as well as giving them referrals to other sources covering the same information, will become an invaluable tool in tommorrow's information climate, to help avoid the burnout people may experience from "information overload."

"With so much information available to people, they are going to have to decide what they're truly interested in," Speiser comments. "People haven't always had access to information they need to make decisions, and now they're going to have it at their fingertips. There will be a certain amount of "data overload," but the up side is that people are going to find that they have much more varied interests than they ever before realized. They're going to be able to decide for themselves if a subject is trivial or important to them, so some of the less exposed information, in ufology and other areas, is perhaps going to be given a fairer shake."



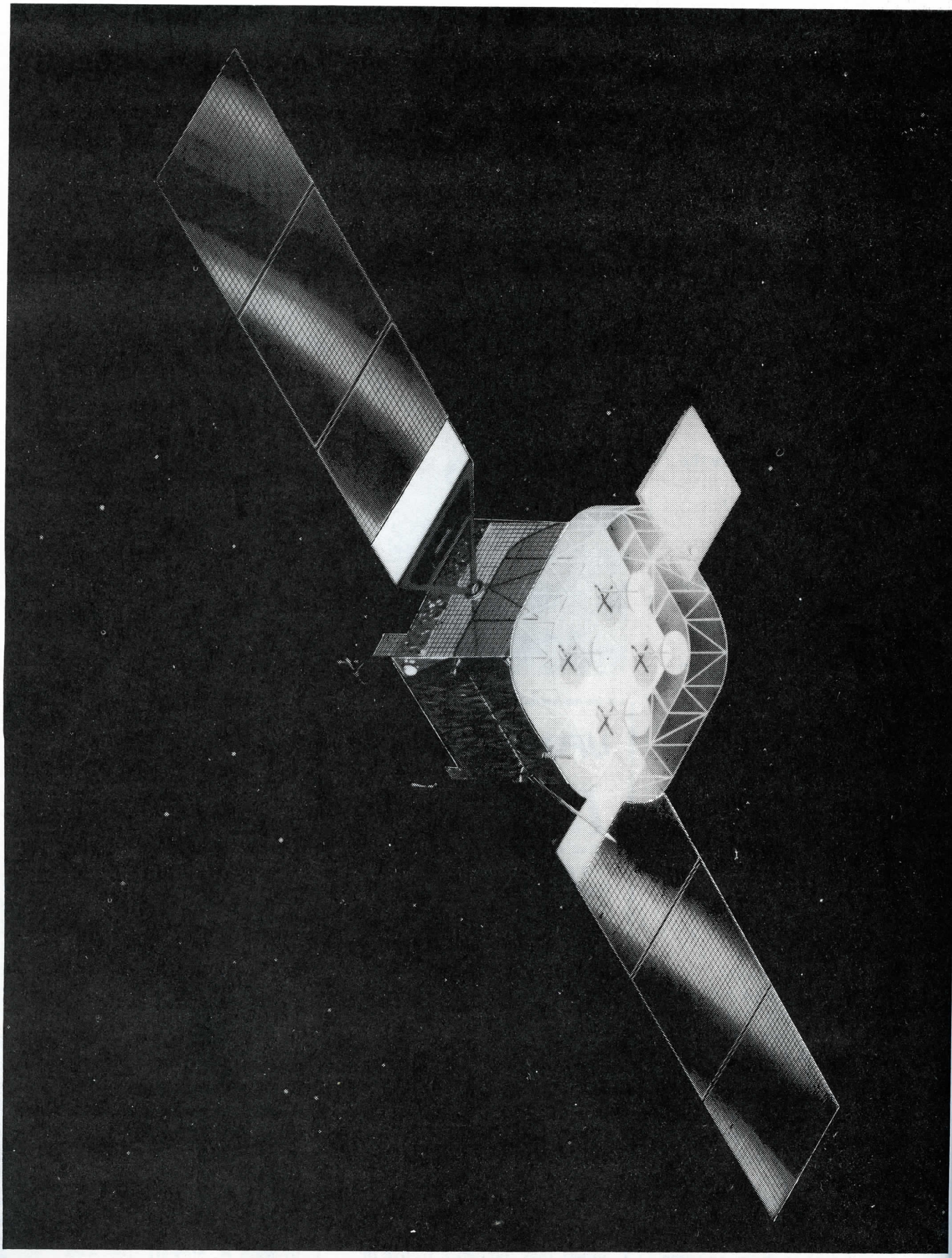
UFO Video Club

In addition to hosting "Video Dave's Video World," a compilation program of home videos, Dave Aaron writes a syndicated column on how to maintain and repair home video equipment and is the founder of the UFO Video and Audio Clearinghouse, a trading club providing members access to his growing library of UFO material. Nearly 500 contributors from 43 countries have contributed over 200 hours of UFO programming, including rare newsreel footage from the '50s. His collection provides members with an "electronic window" on the UFO media scene, with obscure clips from local stations' UFO reports—footage that they would not otherwise get to see unless they happened to live in that small market area.

"If there's a UFO sighting in Florida or Los Angeles, you're not going to hear about it if you live in Alaska or Hawaii unless it's picked up on the national news. Now, through the exchange of videotapes, we can keep abreast of what's going on throughout the country. Any one show may be meaningless, taken on its own, but the entire collection in context is pretty overwhelming," Aaron says.

For a list of available recordings, send $2 and a stamped self-addressed envelope to UFO Audio/Video Clearinghouse, Box 342, Dept. ST, Yucaipa, CA 92399-4660.

A UFO video collector based on the east coast, John Stewart, focuses more exclusively on UFO documentaries. For a list of his collection, and information on how to obtain copies of his videos for educational purposes, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to John A. Stewart, 168 West Hanover Ave., Randolph, New Jersey 07869. —*S.S.*



FUTURE MISSIONS—In 1991, TOPEX/Poseidon, a joint satellite weather project of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and the French space agency, will perform the most extensive studies of the world's oceans ever undertaken.

THE HIGH-TECH FILE

Beyond SETI:

Satellite Options in the Search for UFOs

There's more up in the skies than starry lights and those mysterious objects known as UFOs. We have our own orbiting marvels girding the planet. We call them satellites and these technological wonders are transforming our planet into what media guru Marshall McLuhan called "a global village."

Although we may not be cognizant of it, satellites have irrevocably altered our perspective. Today we are able to spy on our Russian neighbors with pinpoint precision, follow the ebb and flow of weather across the planet and watch from our TV cocoons as Geraldo Rivera gathers together disparate sources from across the nation into another "live" perusal of the good, the bad and the utterly outrageous.

Over 30 years ago, author/scientist Arthur C. Clarke first suggested that the best vantage point for a worldwide communication system would be in "geosynchronous" orbit.

In 1962, Telstar I transmitted the first images through space, launching the satellite era. In the 1970s, ever more numerous and sophisticated "birds" were placed in orbit. The price for satellite time fell, access became more technologically feasible and private industry broadcast the first live sporting events. In the late '70s to '80s, everything was transmitted via the sky—from teleconferences and video press kits to syndicated programs and network news inserts.

Today, the only limit to the use of satellites lies in the imagination. Briefcase-size portable uplink packages allow satellite access from remote disaster areas. And, of course, Hollywood has gotten into the act—not so long ago, director Francis Ford Coppola used a satellite uplink truck to transmit rough edits of his then current film to a Hollywood soundstage. Why? So an orchestra could play live to Coppola's beamed-in images.

In a very short time, science fiction has become science fact. What the following article examines is how this technological wonder that has brought the whole globe together could be used to bring us closer to our possible extraterrestrial siblings.

What single thing is needed to wake up the planet and lead its citizenry to examine and deal with UFO phenomena?

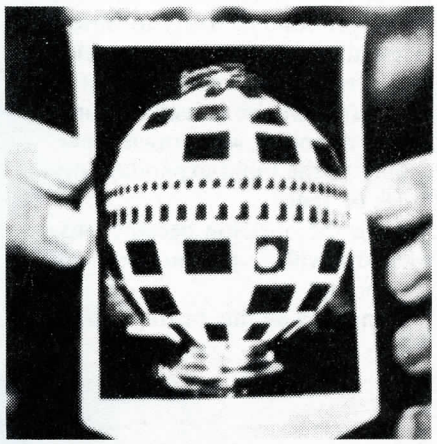
Irrefutable proof that UFOs exist.

Right now, the only kind of proof ufologists have is either too vague or too easily hoaxed to be taken seriously by the mainstream. Photos, films, videos and radar returns have been written off as trickery or unidentified natural phenomena. Eyewitness testimony has been criticized as highly subjective, or the product of "mass hallucination." Even physical traces of alien abduction (i.e. scars and anomalous miscarriages) have been seen in the context of psychically-manifested beliefs and summarily dismissed.

Scientific objectivity coupled with the use of satellite advantages in communication and surveillance are the keys to unlocking the mysteries of UFOs.

One scientific body being taken seriously in its program for extraterrestrial investigation is SETI, NASA's Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence. But although its use of huge ground-based antennae to search out alien communication via the microwave spectrum is a valuable start, it is just that—only a start. And ironically enough, Earth's satellite technology itself is nullifying SETI's method of investigation.

Satellite transmissions are in the microwave spectrum and add to the general "noise floor" through which SETI is searching for E.T. phone calls. Some SETI scientists have agreed that by the mid-to-late 1990s, RFI (Radio Frequency Interference) from Earth will be so prevalent that the only place to begin searching for artificial signals from our celestial neighbors will be in deep space.



EARLY BIRD—A facsimile of this snapshot of Telstar I was beamed to space and relayed back to earth on the satellite's sixth test orbit in 1962.

With that in mind, the use of ground-based antennae focused only on the microwave spectrum seems like an enterprise doomed to failure through obsolescence. SETI has admitted that eventually the vantage point of its search must move into space. Along these same lines, contributor Ron Regher posits satellite system options that might search not only for microwave radio signals, but for a number of other types of "breadcrumbs" UFOs might leave in their wake.

As this first entry into our new "High Tech" file speculates, satellite technology seems destined to be the new high ground in the search for UFOs. In any case, it puts a whole new spin on the phrase "keep watching the skies. . ." —*Rick Forrest*

UFOSAT: Saucer 'Spy' in the Sky

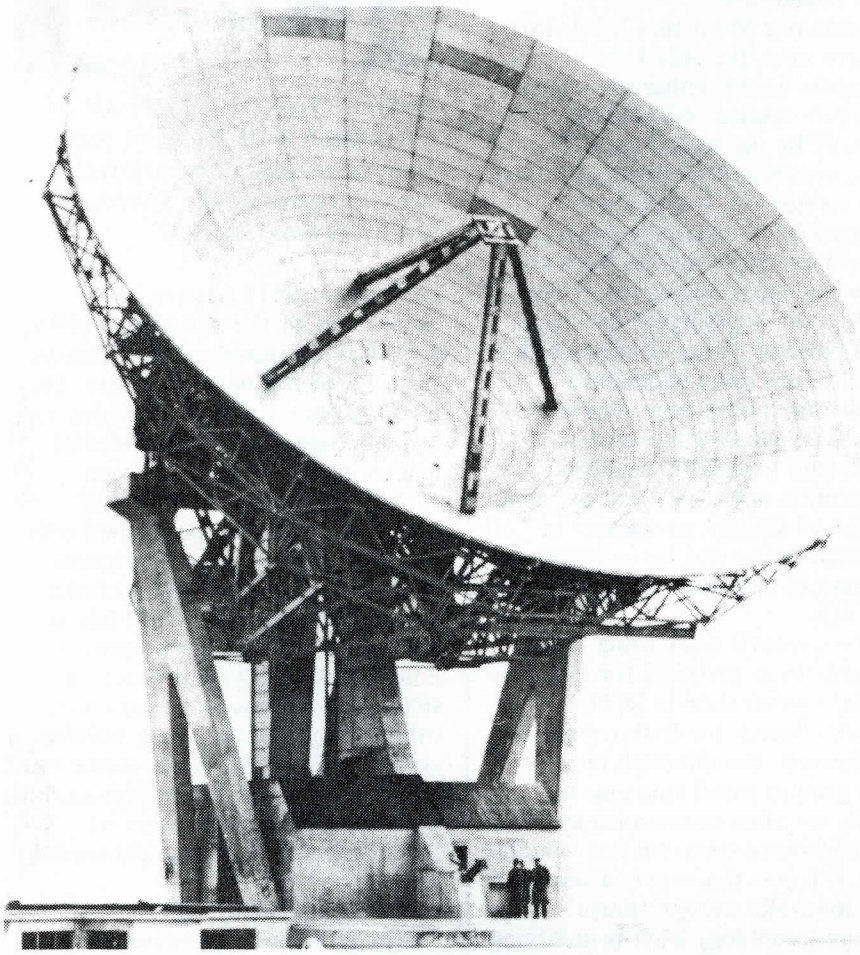
By Ron Regehr

We've all seen films of the majestic, agonizingly slow lift-off of the Saturn/Apollo moon rocket. Poets and lovers were enthralled, possibly enchanted, by the majesty and awe-full-ness of this accomplishment—Man's going into space. Most will agree that we of the planet earth were forever changed—no longer content solely to observe celestial events, now we were elevated to co-creator of events, at least in our corner of the universe. Our collective attention was drawn inexorably to the mind-expanding mysteries of space.

Then the question became—to what use will we put our new vantage point?

Some viewed this history-making event as the ultimate fantasy of the military/industrial complex. Not to miss the unparalleled strategic opportunities of that awesome first step, the military started making plans for using space as the ultimate mountain top from which to spy on our neighbors.

Likewise, almost from the beginning of the Mercury Project, even before becoming familiar with the actual capabilities and limitations of space surveillance systems, ufologists began asking, "Have our satellites or astronauts seen UFOs?" Astronauts such as Gordon Cooper and James McDivitt have, in fact, observed a variety of "bogies" on their magnificent journeys above. But the answer to ufologists' question in regards to instrumental space surveillance is still a hazy, untraceable "possibly."



HOME BASE—Like SETI, Regehr's speculative UFOSAT would use ground-based antenna to pull information from the cosmos, but it would be listening to a broader based spectrum of signals, picked up by satellites.

Spy vs. Surveillance

What is the connection between unidentified flying objects and the so-called "space race," especially that clandestine branch of space operations known as "space surveillance?" Maybe more than most realize—probably less than some speculate. [See Burrows sidebar]

It's a simple truth that many satellites are used for espionage purposes. But no government will compromise its alleged security by revealing even the existence of their most precious space surveillance systems, let alone their intricacies.

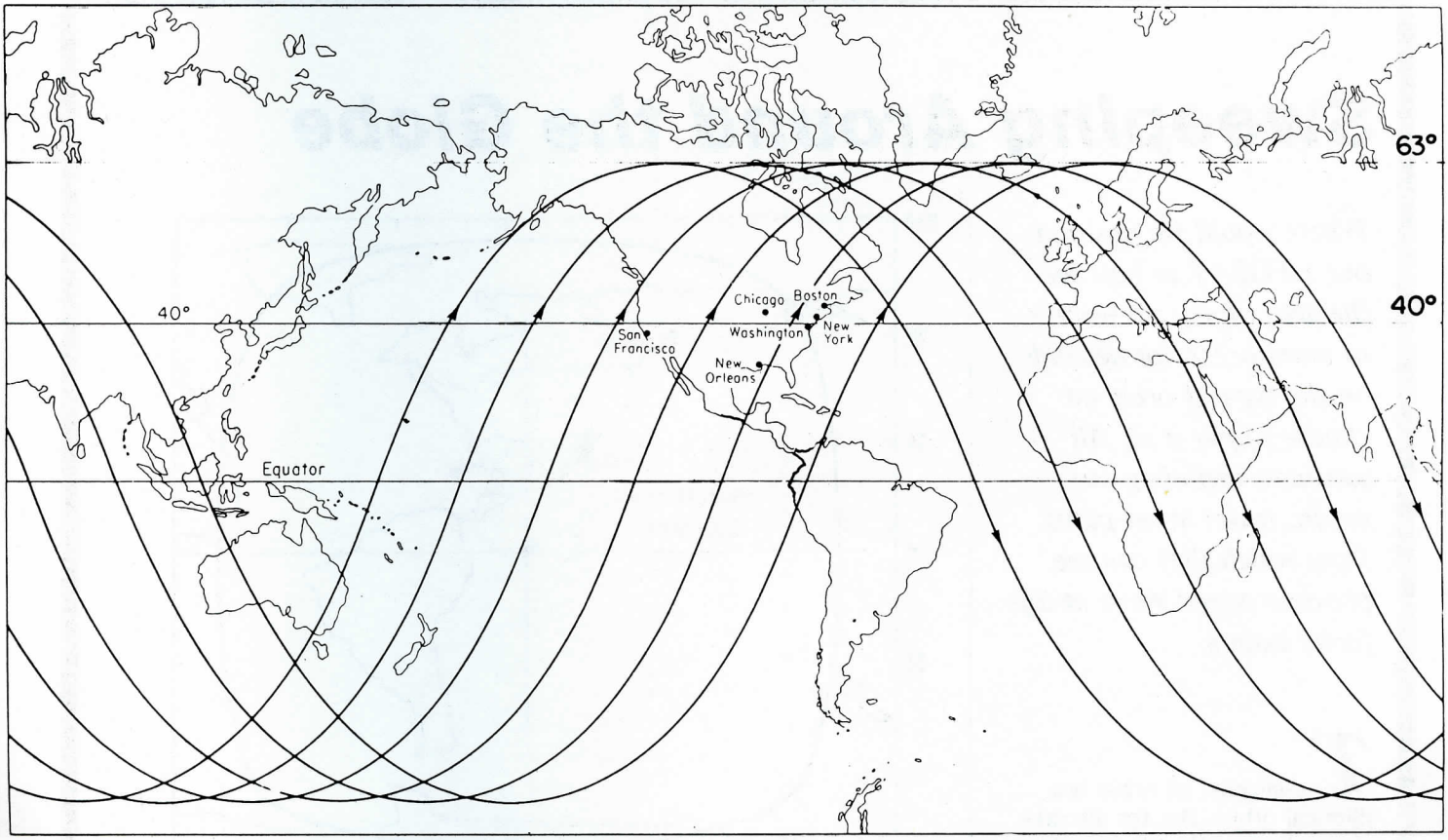
It is left to the process of educated speculation to determine just what it would take to efficiently detect UFOs from space, and we can begin by asking the sort of questions likely to be asked by the specialists assigned to come up with a prototypical UFO-spotting satellite.

What observed and reported characteristics of UFOs can be used as a starting point? This may be the hardest part of the entire formula—the various nations' intelligence-gathering agencies no doubt know, but they're not talking. Thus, the entire decision-making process in this realm is left to oftentimes sketchy eyewitness accounts instead of precise, quantified data. But we can make some educated guesses, based on the UFO database as it stands.

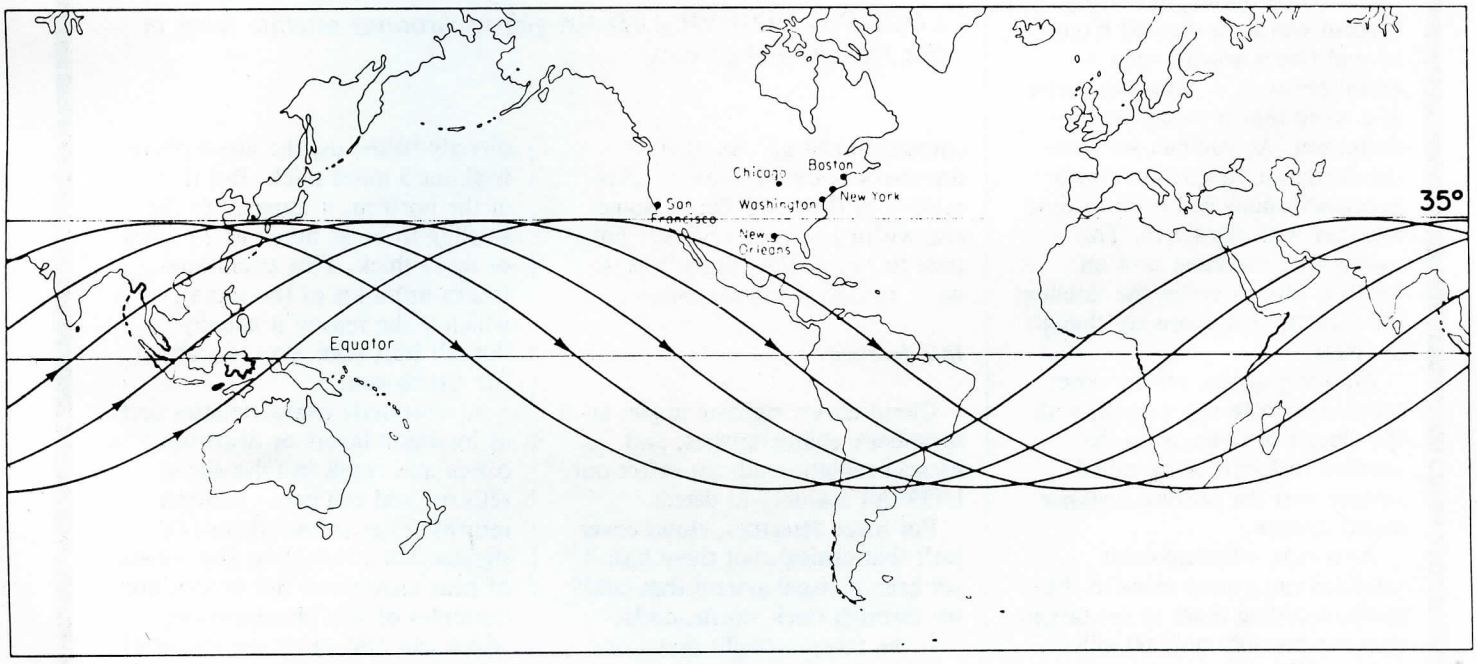
UFOs are reported to be red, white and blue, orange, silver, black, grey and almost every other color. They're small and bright white, and large and deep black. UFOs are tracked by ground radar, "locked on" by fire-control radar, and seen by weather radar. They have been reported to move very slowly, and fly off at supersonic speed, to hover and drop like falling leaves, and travel in both straight and crooked paths. They disappear. They reappear. They're sometimes radioactive, and sometimes not.

Detection Capabilities

Our UFOSAT detection system should be capable of detecting or



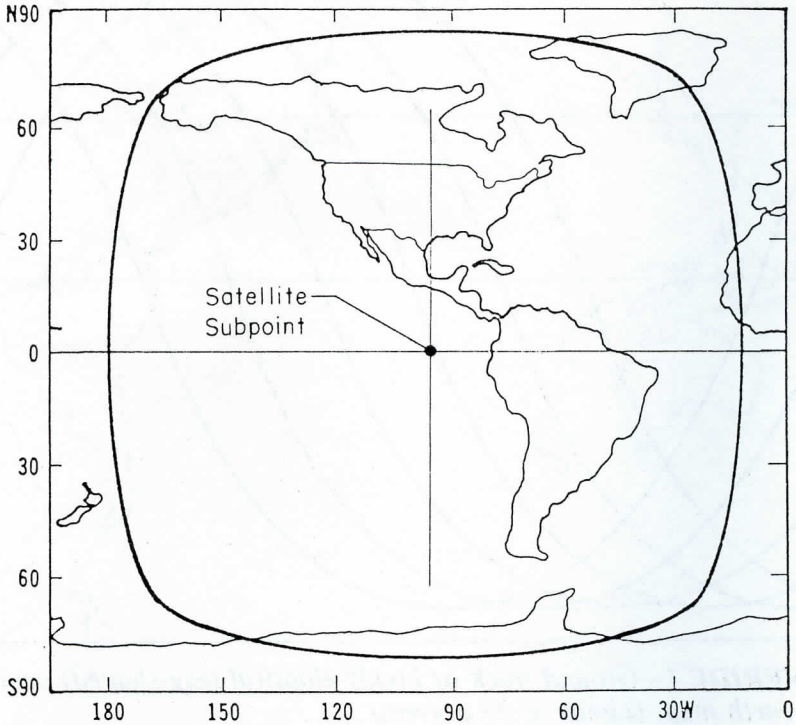
***WAVERIDE 1**—Ground track of highly elliptical (egg-shaped) orbiting satellite seen in graph form over earth map. (Limits ± 63 degrees)*



***WAVERIDE 2**—Ground track of less elliptical orbiting satellite (Limits, ± 35 degrees. Note difference in sweeps).*

Sweeping Around the Globe

Where would we position our UFOSAT to best see the area of sky we want it to monitor? A lot depends on the type of orbit we choose to put it in. All satellites, including our moon, travel in set paths, from which they can see pre-determined views at different points.



***LOOKING DOWNWARD**—A geosynchronous satellite takes in this typical field of view.*

Technically, all orbits are elliptical orbits. But for the sake of simplicity, let's call the orbits that are circular and over the equator *geosynchronous* orbits. The others we'll call elliptical.

Geosynchronous, like many English words, is derived from several Greek words—*geo* = earth, *chronos* = time—to arrive at a word that provides its own definition. As you can see from the definition, a satellite that is geosynchronous will orbit in time together with the Earth. This means that the same spot on Earth is always under the satellite; the satellite just seems to "hang" in space.

Elliptical orbits, on the other hand, are more egg-shaped, with the closest distance from the satellite to Earth being called *perigee* and the farthest distance called *apogee*.

As a rule, elliptical-orbit satellites can swoop close to the earth, enabling them to see targets that are possibly only 60 miles below. (This is a lot easier than the GEOSAT's task of seeing something that is 24,000 miles away.) However, they're limited to seeing only that very small portion of the earth over which they're currently orbiting. Another drawback is the absolute predictability of their overflight. Someone wishing to retain privacy has time to "close the blinds," as it were, to defeat the surveillance.

Interference

Cloud cover, sighting angle, atmospheric characteristics, and natural radiation all can affect our UFOSAT's ability to detect.

For most detectors, cloud cover isn't that critical, but there hasn't yet been a visual system that could see through thick stormclouds.

Is the target straight down or near the horizon? All optical systems have imperfections such as distortion, but looking at targets on the horizon is much harder because the sky appears to be thicker there. If the target is directly below us, the atmosphere is about 5 miles thick. But if it is at the horizon, it appears to the satellite to be as much as 25 miles or more thick. This attenuates (soaks up) a lot of the signal, which is the reason it usually doesn't hurt your eyes to stare at the setting sun.

Atmospheric characteristics such as inversion layers or distortions oftentimes result in false signal returns, and can cause multiple returns. They refract (bend) the signals. Stars twinkling and waves of heat seen above hot terrain are examples of this phenomenon, which can also cause the image of a UFO to blur and dance around.

Natural radiation like that of the Van Allen Belts, solar wind and cosmic rays may cause static so strong that it will mask the real signals. —***R.R.***

sensing as many of the reported UFO characteristics as practicable. Detector options are many, but those that we can conveniently rely upon for our target are: *visual, infrared, ultraviolet, nuclear radioactivity* and *radar*.

With a *visual system*, images can be recovered by recording them on film or videotape, or by digitizing the signal (analogous to the process used to transmit television signals via satellite). Because people see some UFOs sometimes, those UFOs must be able to emit/reflect in the visible portion of the spectrum. So, we want to ensure that our detection system will be sensitive to this region of the spectrum.

An *infrared system* will rely on the temperature of a detected UFO relative to its background; i.e., the greater the difference between the two temperatures, the easier it will be to detect. Infrared detectors should be quite capable of detecting UFOs, as long as either the detected UFO's hull temperature or exhaust is hot enough.

If UFOs are most often surrounded by *plasma*, called ionized air—air which emits ultraviolet radiation when it receives large amounts of energy—then perhaps *ultraviolet (UV)* is the best detection method. A UFO would be one of the few objects around generating UV in large quantities; the only other common sources of UV being powerline corona, lightning, arc lamps, flames and the aurora borealis. A UFO approach at less than 10,000 feet altitude would not be sensed by this system, however.

Another significant characteristic of many reported UFOs is *nuclear radioactivity*. Nuclear radiation detectors could be used in space to detect the emission of radioactive rays and particles, but not without some difficulty—many of these particles and rays are short-lived, and unlike other portions of the spectrum, are nearly impossible to magnify or focus.

Then there's *radar*, which has already been responsible for detecting numerous UFOs. Yet in one respect, radar is the most inefficient of all potential detection systems for use in space, because such a set-up would require the satellite to transmit its own signal in order to effect results. It would be incapable of passively

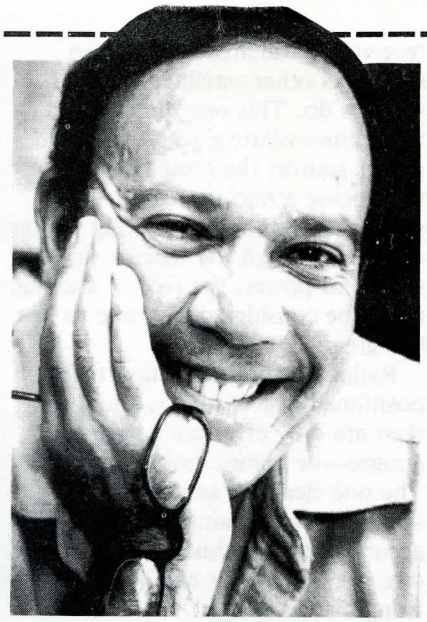
SAT Sleuth

Unidentified flying objects simply aren't on America's critical targets roster for space surveillance, according to journalist William Burrows.

He has good reason for such emphatic conclusions. As author of ***Deep Black***, the 1986 book examining space espionage and national security, Burrows has been able to gather enough sensitive information on space surveillance to delineate a simple, two-fold mission for America's "spy" satellites: "One, to gather intelligence information on the rest of the world—largely the Soviet Union and Communist China, but other places, too," he summarizes. "Secondly, to monitor arms control agreements." It's a given that high-tech one-upmanship by the satellite elite has superpowers racing to out-spy one another from the high frontier. "That's what makes the game interesting."

In the course of his massive research, including long interviews with high-placed officials in charge of space surveillance, Burrows says he never once met anyone or read anything linking UFOs to space surveillance and reconaissance. "The issue did not come up, in large part because I didn't bring it up," he says. "I don't know what (my sources) would have told me, but when I was with the Washington Post, I did a long article on UFOs, which was syndicated . . . I satisfied myself that there was not enough evidence to make (the subject of UFOs) viable. I still believe that."

Though UFOs don't fly in the author's journalistic purview, his book evidenced a degree of rigorous intelligence and newsgathering on U.S. black programs that the CIA didn't dismiss lightly. "I was invited to CIA headquarters [in Langley, VA] for the benefit of being able to explain to some of their people about the book; how I went about writing it, what my thoughts are about journalism relative to national security—things like that. It was a



Bill Burrows

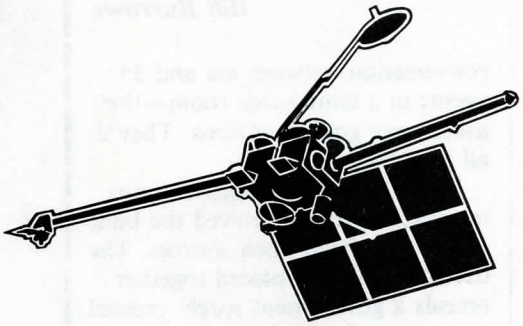
conversation between me and 35 agents in a conference room—they asked very good questions. They'd all read the book."

Much like the intelligence community, Burrows retrieved the bulk of his data from open sources. The overall picture he pieced together reveals a government sorely pressed to keep track of purely down-to-earth, flesh-and-blood problems here on the planet. "For them to divert those resources to look for UFOs is virtually unthinkable. They are always crying bloody murder for more capability to monitor what's *under* those satellites," Burrows insisted, briefly mentioning state-of-the-art surveillance satellites such as the KH-11 and KH-12. "(Those satellites) look straight down and cover a very, very articulated swath of ground every time they go by. It's not as if they can roll over on their backs and look up at the sky . . . if they had money to build systems that could sweep around the sky from orbit, they'd put that money into more KH-11s and KH-12s."

Back at Langley, CIA agents have put Burrows' stance in their intelligence hopper on what journalists do. "I told them that within very broad parameters, it was our job to publish things we thought the American people need to know. And that while nobody wants to violate the national security of the country, *national security* is a very, very subjective phrase." —***V.C.***

receiving a radiated or reflected signal, as other satellite surveillance systems do. This one requirement would necessitate a relatively large power source; the most frequently used being a nuclear reactor—somewhat akin to an orbiting "Chernobyl." Though the reactor supplies sufficient power, the risk of accident might be considered by some to be too great.[1]

Radar satellites also have to be positioned in low orbits, and even then are only effective during the apogee—or highest point—of orbit. The one clear advantage radar systems have—maintaining extreme accuracy during almost any weather, day or night—does not offset the existing disadvantages.

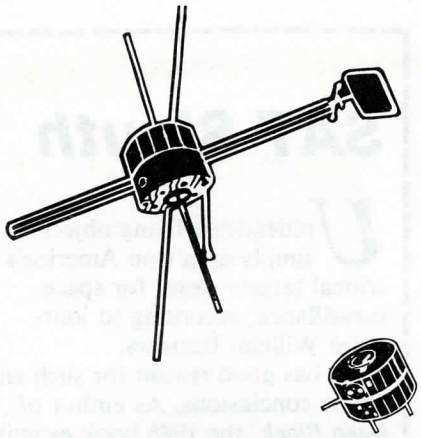


Tailored Detection

The first three systems under consideration—visual, infrared and ultraviolet—rely on emitted or reflected signals, either generated by the UFO or occuring naturally and reflecting off the UFO. Because of their "passive" reception, these hypothesized satellites would require relatively little power, but they would also be limited in their observations, able to detect only those objects which emit or reflect a relatively strong signal in the portion of the spectrum to which they are sensitive.[2]

Maximum sensitivity by the UFOSAT would be the ultimate goal, but additional variables affecting the satellite's overall efficiency would have to be taken into account. Infrared and visual systems could be hampered by cloud cover, for example. All systems are vulnerable to the factor of increasing atmosphere and its distortions, including natural radiation, which can generate false signal returns.

A review of the options available probably would lead to the selection



of a multiband satellite, with detectors in both the visual and infrared regions. Our specialized *geosat* would enable us to see almost anything up there (or would it be *down* there?) Another crucial decision is choosing the best orbit for Earth's first UFOSAT system [see sidebar].

From Signal Return to UFO Report

Some existing techniques that make detection easier are optical magnification, target scanning, and electronic filtering—processing the resulting signal to minimize the effect of noise from radiation, etc. Another desirable capability is "smart" signal processing such as moving target indicators, which simplify detection by electronically comparing the present data frame with the previous data frame. Any differences indicate something has moved and deserves further study, a significant message when it comes to UFOs.

Once aloft, the system would go to work, probably generating signals that would have to be received and processed by ground-based operations called satellite data-receiving stations (SDRS). Experts and equipment at these stations would attempt to intelligently determine the characteristics of any sighted events. (We refer to them as *events* now, because we still don't know if the detectors have found a UFO, the Soviet "blackjack" bomber, the Concorde SST or any of a number of other things.) Probably several SDRSs would be optimum, strategically placed around the globe and electronically interconnected. Each watchful UFOSAT would broadcast its signals to the SDRS closest to its subpoint.

Initially, the satellite's on-board computers should be programmed to look for anything that moves, and when movement is detected, the computer program should identify it as an "event of interest," such as a UFO, meteor, high-speed jet, etc. It would process and forward these data for display. Stationary data should be discarded, thereby relieving the displays of potential clutter and easing the task of SDRS observers, who certainly don't want a preponderance of data on non-moving (and therefore irrelevant) signals. Recording the data on tape would give us a permanent record to review, enabling refinement of the computer program so that eventually we will view *only* UFOs.

After a few months, the UFOSAT system should be refined enough to detect UFOs and almost instantly notify ufologists and other professionals located in the area of the sighting, and receive ground confirmation.

Wouldn't it be great if such a system existed? Maybe it does. Or maybe it will.

Ron Regehr is an aerospace engineer with over 25 years experience working on such programs as the NASA Saturn/Apollo moon rocket, Skylab, USAF Manned Orbiting Lab and miscellaneous government programs involving "spy" and other satellites. For the past eight years, Regehr's avocation has been UFO research, concentrating on alleged government UFO cover-up.

FOOTNOTES

1. Cosmos 954, a Soviet nuclear-powered radar satellite, fell from orbit into a remote region of Canada about 10 years ago. Only luck prevented this highly radioactive piece of space junk from contaminating a major metropolitan area.

2. Along with controversial claims about discovering an underground alien base and having decrypted alien radio signals, New Mexico researcher Paul Bennewitz has photos which he says display ionization of the atmosphere caused by the passage of a UFO. The green and blue colors in his photos are correct for ionized nitrogen and oxygen. Suffice it to say that ionization of the atmosphere is neither an emission or a reflection; however, the ions are in the less-visible region of the spectrum.

THE MARS FILE

Mars Mission draws space community into new orbits

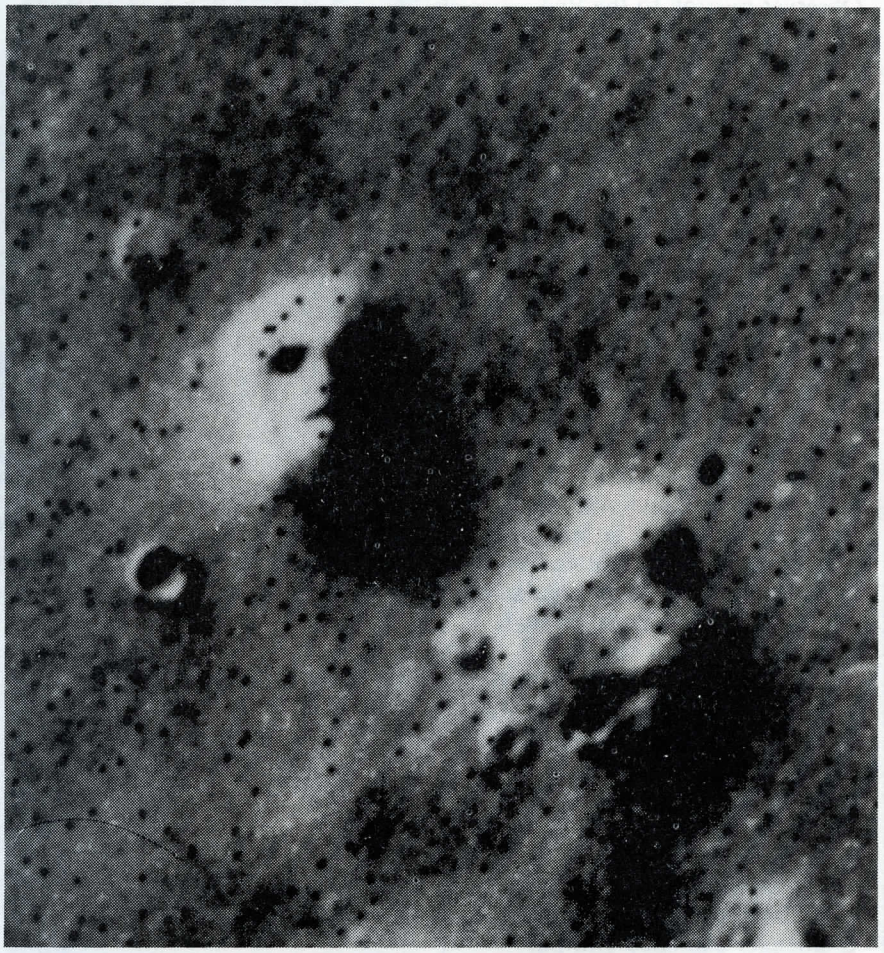
By Jay Lebsch

The idea that the venerable "Man in the Moon" might have a cousin on Mars—the shadowy "Marsface"—is a topic of hot partisan debate in and around the UFO community. Most researchers outside UFO circles, however, discount theories that the Face is an artifact pointing to intelligent humanoid life in Martian history.

"I don't know any scientists who believe that [the face is manufactured]," stated Dr. Arden Albee, professor of geology at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, California and project scientist for the Mars Observer mission scheduled to launch in 1992. Like most others in the planetary science community, Albee doesn't expect the face will be proved an ET artifact. "All around the world there are faces on mountains, so it just shows that the action of rocks falling and so on forms things that *look* like faces," he said. "There's the 'Old Man in the Mountain' in New Hampshire.' "

From the efforts of Albee and many of his colleagues, we may have more information soon enough, or more revealing photographs of the eerie-looking face on the Cydonia region of Mars, which researchers such as Richard Hoagland, Vince DePietro and Gregory Molenaar suggest might be intelligently manufactured. From its approximate orbital distance of 240 miles above Mars, the NASA-funded Mars Observer craft— developed and managed by Jet Propulsion Laboratory and Cal Tech—will globally map the planet over an entire Martian year, a time span about twice that of Earth's. During its one-day (two Martian days) "power-in" phase, the Mars Observer will zoom in to a point approximately 40 miles above Mars and photograph the planet's entire surface.

"This mission is a basic data-taker," Albee said. "It's the culmination of all our early planetary missions and our Earth-sensing and meteorlogical satellites . . . If we complete the mission through current plans, we'd have better complete global coverage of Mars than we have for Earth."



MARS MUG—Strange portrait taken by Viking probe in 1976.

Steady Orbit

Surveying a solid planetary surface about two-thirds the size of Earth's, the Mars Observer satellite will remain in a systematic, circular polar orbit when it reaches the Martian vicinity. It will maintain its steady orbit while the planet turns below.

The mission will be carrying a dynamic range of sophisticated instruments to collect and examine data. The craft is "nadir-oriented"; that is, all the instruments point down into the atmosphere. According to Albee, the Mars Observer will provide better imaging and compositional data than previous Mars missions; the instrument package includes a TV-like camera, a gamma-ray spectrometer to examine elemental composition and an atmospheric instrument to measure the wind, which Albee compares to a weather satellite in use over Earth. "It is a well-chosen, complementary set of

Meeting the Mars Scientist

To hear Dr. Arden Albee tell it, we are witnesses to the birth of a tremendous adventure for our race—and the Mars Observer mission to the Red Planet is one first, careful step.

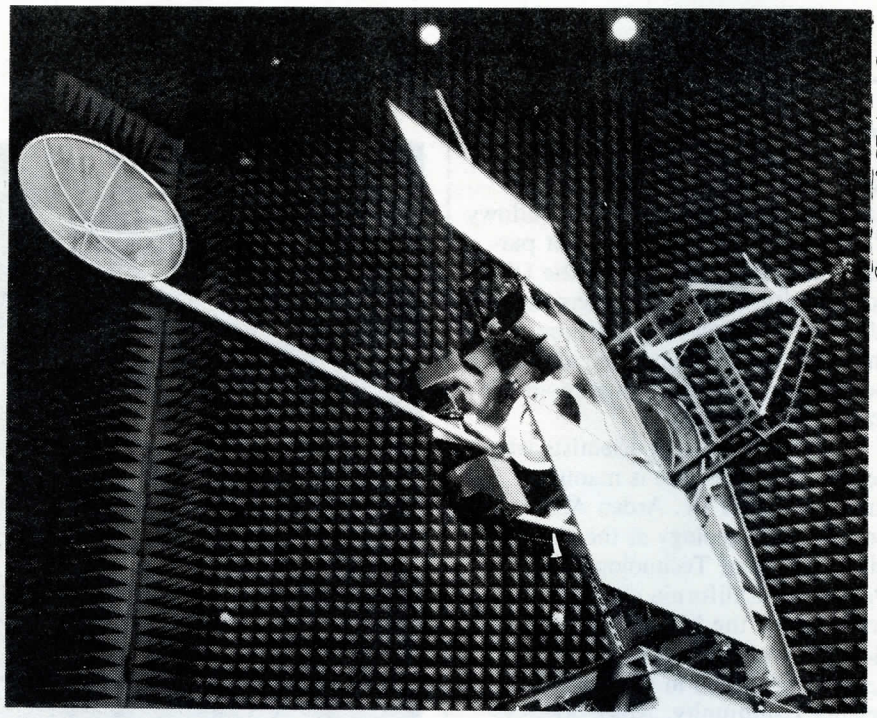
Unlike some other researchers interested in solving Martian mysteries, Albee is interested only in hard scientific evidence. He's Professor of Geology and Dean of Graduate Studies at the California Institute of Technology, and former Chief Scientist at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Other credits include his participation on the Mars '84 Working Group, the Space Science Advisory Committee and many similar groups. Currently, he edits two prestigious scientific journals and sits on at least two major scientific committees. A popular lecturer, Albee regularly gives talks at Cal Tech through the Watson Lecture Series.

His most recent lecture was the well-attended "Return to the Red Planet." As Project Scientist for Mars Observer, Albee enthusiastically communicates the significance of our gradual steps into outer space.

The mission was initiated in 1986, before the space shuttle Challenger exploded and put America's space program on hold. Following the recent success of Discovery, however, missions that were derailed are now back on track, including Mars Observer. (The satellite is scheduled to launch in 1992.)

The U.S. space program slowdown frustrated Albee. "When Mars Observer (launch date) slipped from '90 to '92, the costs went from fixed-price, competitive contracts to negotiating with someone knowing they had us over a barrel," Albee said. "We've been in the process of descoping things about Mars Observer to cut down the costs.



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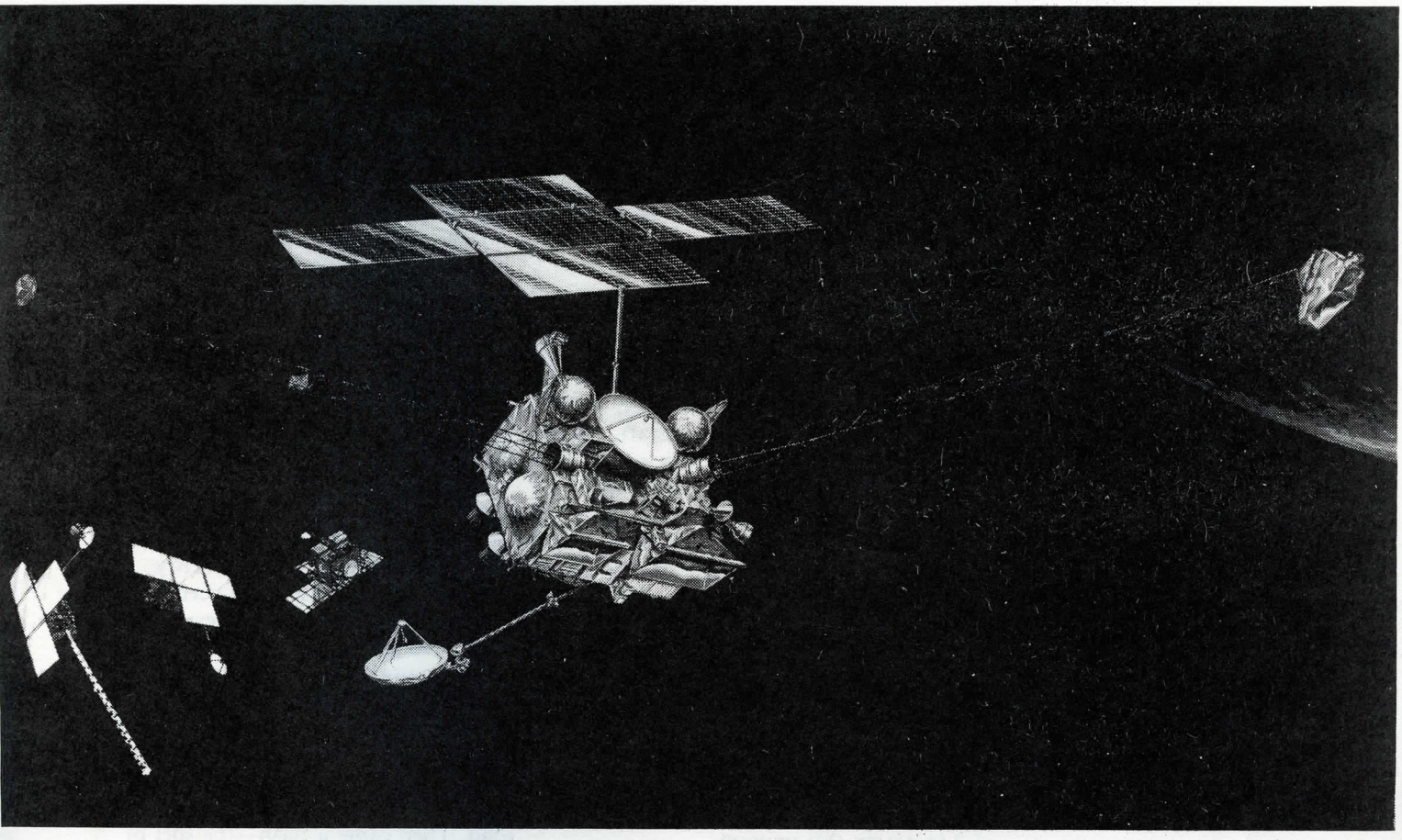
REPOSE—Section of Mars Observer craft.

Dr. Arden Albee

At one time, we did have funding to build 'spares' for the Mars Observer. The idea was that spare spacecraft, if not needed for Mars, would have its instruments modified to go into a similar mission at the Moon. Certainly that could be a precursor to colonization, (providing) a global understanding of the Moon." But the ensuing crunch in finances cut off plans for the second spacecraft, he says.

Members of Albee's team are anxious to see data from the Soviet Union's mission to Phobos, Mars' larger moon. (An article on Soviet-American cooperation space will run in a future issue of *UFO*.) While anticipating this information, Albee is confident the U.S. space program is back on track:

"NASA has set up a new division for exploration, which has as its charter to be looking at the sorts of things in the Paine Report. So [interplanetary exploration] is certainly being considered with a fair amount of energy." And with more than a fair amount of attention from the American public. —*J.L.*



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***READY**—Mars Observer fully outfitted for a comprehensive mission. Its instrumental payload, creators say, assures 'synergistic capability to address the global study of Mars.'*

things to give us basic data on the planet," he said.

During the mission's Martian year, scientists expect the Mars Observer to uncover data to help determine when liquid water might have existed on the Martian surface. Though not evidence of animate Martians, liquid water is a primary key to detecting life, or the potential of life. Along with what the Mars Observer finds in other areas such as gravitation, topography and mineral composition, this finding will be compared to information collected during lunar explorations. The project team also plans to compare the collected data to what we know of Earth's geological history.

"There's a fair amount of debate as to how far (back) one would be willing to go as to there being evidence of liquid water on the surface," Albee said. "The strongest evidence is that it's roughly the first billion years of Martian history. Of course, that's one of the things this mission ought to find out."

Another thing this flight is expected to discover is data about the depth and composition of permafrost near the poles. This is the sort of comparative information planetologists are anxious to examine. The Observer's downward glance for an entire Martian year will provide detailed insight into the planet's overall climatology, not just day-to-day weather conditions. "[It] will give us better understanding of Mars' earlier period, when there was liquid water," Albee explained. " . . . *why* there was liquid water. What caused the changes in conditions to let it evaporate?"

Manned Flight

NASA's Mars Observer represents an important stepping-stone to eventual manned missions to the Red Planet. Though not currently under budgetary consideration, Albee says, speculations about manned flight are in the works:

"There's certainly serious thought—by both the Soviets and by us—to [develop an] understanding [of] what it would take to do it. It could probably start at a slow rate now. There certainly are problems with humans and gravity, and how to handle that.

"[Practical considerations dictate] it's probably after the year 2,000. The Soviets, for example, talk 2012 or 2015." In "Pioneering the Space Frontier: The Report of the National Committee on Space," dubbed the Paine Report after committee chairperson Thomas E. Paine, projected dates for those first manned flights are as early as 2005, Dr. Albee remembers.

"There's certainly a tendency to thinks it's inevitable," he said. When it happens, Hoagland and other theorists may get answers to the questions that continue to fascinate UFO observers and, to some extent, mainstream science. Until then, the Face on Mars continues to peer from the shadows of its Martian valley. Perhaps the Mars Observer will catch him winking at us.

Next: The 'Face' Investigators

CONTACTEE: FIRSTHAND

Usually this section of the magazine offers first-hand accounts by those who claim to have personally encountered other-worlders. But the subject of this story can't tell his tale directly. He can't even reveal his real name, for fear of the consequences.

Yet his story demands exposure. Writer-researcher Martin Cannon has undertaken the task of telling this young man's story second-hand, without lessening the urgency of the situation it reveals.

It's not the strangest narrative in UFO literature, but it may be the most frightening, with an agitprop tone suited to its theme. And the villains of the piece are entirely terrestrial.

By Martin Cannon

In brief:

A decade ago, a young man we'll call "Mike" claimed to have encountered a strange flying craft. His parents insisted that he visit a psychiatrist, though he lacked any complaint that would demand the head-shrinker's art. During the counselling session, Mike saw no reason to keep mum about his experience—after all, it wasn't particularly astonishing. "I mean, UFOs aren't anything new," Mike explained in a telephone interview. "I said, what the hell, I'll tell this guy and see what he thinks."

He thought Mike should be placed in an insane asylum, and proceeded to act on this opinion.

Ever since, Mike's life has been hell on earth.

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The year was 1977; the place, a rural area in a conservative southern state. Mike was 20 years old, still living with Mom and Dad, scraping through that awkward period between school and career. He worked, when work was available. Those who knew him considered him bright, energetic—a talented musician. And possessed of a perfectly sound mind.

Then one morning—2:30 a.m.—everything changed.

"It was a physical object," Mike claims. "It was real—it was some kind of highly advanced technology." Lying in his bedroom, he heard it before he saw it. "It made a real deep humming sound . . . there is a telephone pole in the backyard and it's got a big transformer on it. I thought maybe something had gone wrong with the transformer, so I looked out the window." What he saw looked like something out of "Battlestar Galactica."

"It was over the top of my bedroom . . . all I could see was the bottom of it, and the bottom was covered with a myriad of all kinds of strange little rectangles." Because of the restricted view, determining the craft's shape proved difficult. But Mike could tell it was big. "You could probably fit three standard vans in the thing," he says.

Then—blackout. Missing time.

He suddenly found himself out in the front yard in his underwear, watching the craft drift away. "I couldn't remember going outside . . . I thought, well, I'd better get back in the house before my parents wake up and catch me out here." He crawled in through his bedroom window.

He heard voices from the kitchen—his parents *were* awake. Nothing animated about their breakfast-table conversation. They hadn't seen the UFO, or noticed their son's absence. Mike knew his father had set his alarm clock for 4 a.m. because of an early job. That left roughly one and a half hours unaccounted for.

Returning his attention to the odd vehicle, he watched through the window as it gently drifted down the road. Then came a flash—the sort of searingly bright light that Hiroshima survivors speak of, an excruciating radiance that left Mike temporarily blind. But he could still hear, and the consternation in the kitchen indicated that his mother and father had also seen the flash. At first, they thought a lamp fuse had blown. His mother checked: negative. "Well," said his father, "it's probably just heat lightning or something like that."

The father left for work. The UFO was gone.

Mike's sight returned in the bathroom. What he saw in the mirror confirmed his experience: "My entire body was pink like a sunburn," he remembers. At first, he hesitated to tell his story to his mother. But when she mentioned the flash of light, Mike spilled.

So far, the case was classic, the details familiar. The sunburn, the flash, the missing minutes: aficionados of ufology will recognize all these motifs. Still, the story had a rare strength. Mike could point to physical evidence, multiple witnesses and an encounter so close as to eliminate the idea of misidentification.

Unfortunately, an epic conservatism seems to afflict Mike's

parents; their son's talk of extraterrestrial aircraft profoundly bothered them despite (or perhaps because of?) their own witness to part of the event. Thus, his next close encounter was with a psychiatrist. Specifically an *Army* psychiatrist, so chosen because of the father's military association.

And this particular shrink decided that UFOs weren't part of the regs.

Mike describes the psychiatrist's reaction to his tale thus: "He folds his hands, picks up a pencil and starts tapping the desk with it. And then he looks me straight in the face and says, 'Some things can't be explained, but you need help.'

"So I said, 'What kind of help do you propose I need?'

He says, 'I'm sending you down to the State Asylum.' "

Mike's parent's were called in. The psychiatrist noted that their son "sincerely believes that it actually happened. And he says that you two were witness to some kind of brilliant flash as this object departed. Is this true?"

There was an anxious moment. According to Mike, "Both my parents became really nervous, as if they were going to get accused of being insane along with me." The mother finally acquired a smattering of backbone and confirmed the flash. But they rationalized the experience, and the inquisition narrowed on Mike.

I describe this confrontation in detail because it perfectly illustrates psycho-terrorism in action. And it demonstrates the disturbing attitude of Mike's mother and father, an attitude reminiscent of those residents of old Salem preemptively proclaiming their neighbor a witch for fear that the accusing finger might otherwise point in an uncomfortable direction. Over the course of 10 years, Mike's "parents"—quotation marks are mandatory, if the word has any more than a biological definition—apparently acquiesced and abetted in the ruination of their son's life.

He has been in and out of institutions throughout that time, for no other reason than his refusal to retract his UFO story. Worse, he is required to be injected with an antipsychotic drug once a week. "If I don't show up at the clinic," says Mike, "they call the Sheriff's Department and have me arrested." The drug is a neuroleptic, which, according to the journal ***Human Behavior*** ("The Hidden Cost of Mind Medicines," May, 1978) often induces a form of brain damage called *tardive diskinesia*. "It's taken along with some tablets," Mike explains, "because if you take the injection without the tablets, which are a kind of antidote, you can go into extreme convulsions, and I've already experienced that."

He's tried to escape his situation. "I escaped from the State Asylum twice. The first time I ran. I climbed over the brick wall that had iron spikes on top of it. This asylum here . . . is like something you'd see in an Alfred Hitchcock movie, only it's real.

"When I got on the other side, my feet hit the pavement and I took off running. I ran about three miles and started to go into convulsions. So I hid in an alley and went through convulsions for about four or five hours, caused by the injections and medications they were forcing me to take. After I experienced the convulsions and real bad muscle contractions, I couldn't see, and I laid there until it began to wear off." He was lucky to survive. The neuroleptic malignant syndrome, which the above episode seems to describe, kills roughly 20 percent of those whom it strikes.

Mike managed to make his way to another town. Free of the injections, his health returned. He could stop smoking; he could work . . .

Freedom lasted two months. "They captured me and put me right back in there. *As far as any crime or sin to society . . . I had done nothing at all.*"

Nothing—except see something he shouldn't have seen. Mike now lives on disability checks. He can't hold a job and he can't play the guitar. He sleeps nearly 70 percent of the time and his hearing is impaired.

There's an odd addendum to this tale: Over the years, Mike's memory has returned concerning the missing time. He describes a fairly standard UFO abduction (if that term isn't self-contradictory) involving a medical examination, skin samples, etc. He offers no description of the aliens; apparently, there was no physical interaction with the craft's occupants. Highly sophisticated machinery performed the operations—including an exploration of his nasal passage, a common factor in these cases.

"As far as any crime or sin to society . . . I had done nothing at all," Mike said. Nothing—except see something he shouldn't have seen.

Some time after the encounter, he visited a dentist who also specializes in plastic surgery. "He was examining X-rays of my teeth and . . . my face and jaw. He said, 'How long ago did you have surgery done on your nose?'

"I said, 'I've never had any kind of surgery. I've never even had stitches.' He said, 'The interior of your nose has been just masterfully done. Very excellent surgery . . .' "

He told Mike that the cartilage had been carefully separated into two halves; that there was a convex and a concave side to the membranes separating the nostrils.

These days, his nose occasionally feels cold, "cold as ice," even when the rest of his body is warm. Mike can't offer an explanation. None seems possible.

* * *

What lessons can we draw from this incident?

First: perhaps we have another factor to add to our study of the abduction experience—the factor of social class. Just as eccentricity in a peer is madness in a ploughman, so too, the UFO experience seems to stigmatize unequally. Whitley Strieber described a series of infinitely stranger encounters and received millions of dollars for his revelations. Mike got the loony bin. Remember—he spoke, at first, of nothing more than *a mere sighting*—for some unlucky UFO experiencers, apparently that's all it takes to have the

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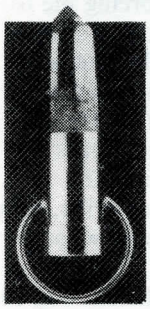

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psychiatric system thrust upon them.

Second: Though some readers may dispute this recommendation, I submit that abductees, and even plain old eyewitnesses, should be selective in their confidences. Some contactees speak endlessly of their experiences to all who will listen—and to some who would rather not. Be cautious. Mike's example is *not* unique. The social stigma attached to UFOs is disagreeable, to be sure, and many may feel that the best way to fight this prejudice is to ignore it. But state asylums and neuroleptic drugs can be more disagreeable still. At the very least, abductees who insist on counselling should be careful to consult a *psychologist*, rather than a psychiatrist, as psychologists would be less likely to resort to drug or other radical therapies.

Third: an interest in UFOs should not deter us from an involvement with more down-to-earth issues. The above story demonstrates that there may be some common ground between ufology and the movement to oppose psychiatric abuse—a movement, alas, which is rather more cohesive in Europe than it is here. Still, there are many organizations in this country fighting a mental health system gone mad; a list of these groups is included as an appendix to Lenny Lapon's excellent volume on Nazi Germany's psychiatric tyrants, ***Mass Murderers in White Coats***. (Available through the Psychiatric Genocide Research Institute, P.O. Box 80071, Springfield, MA 01138-0071)

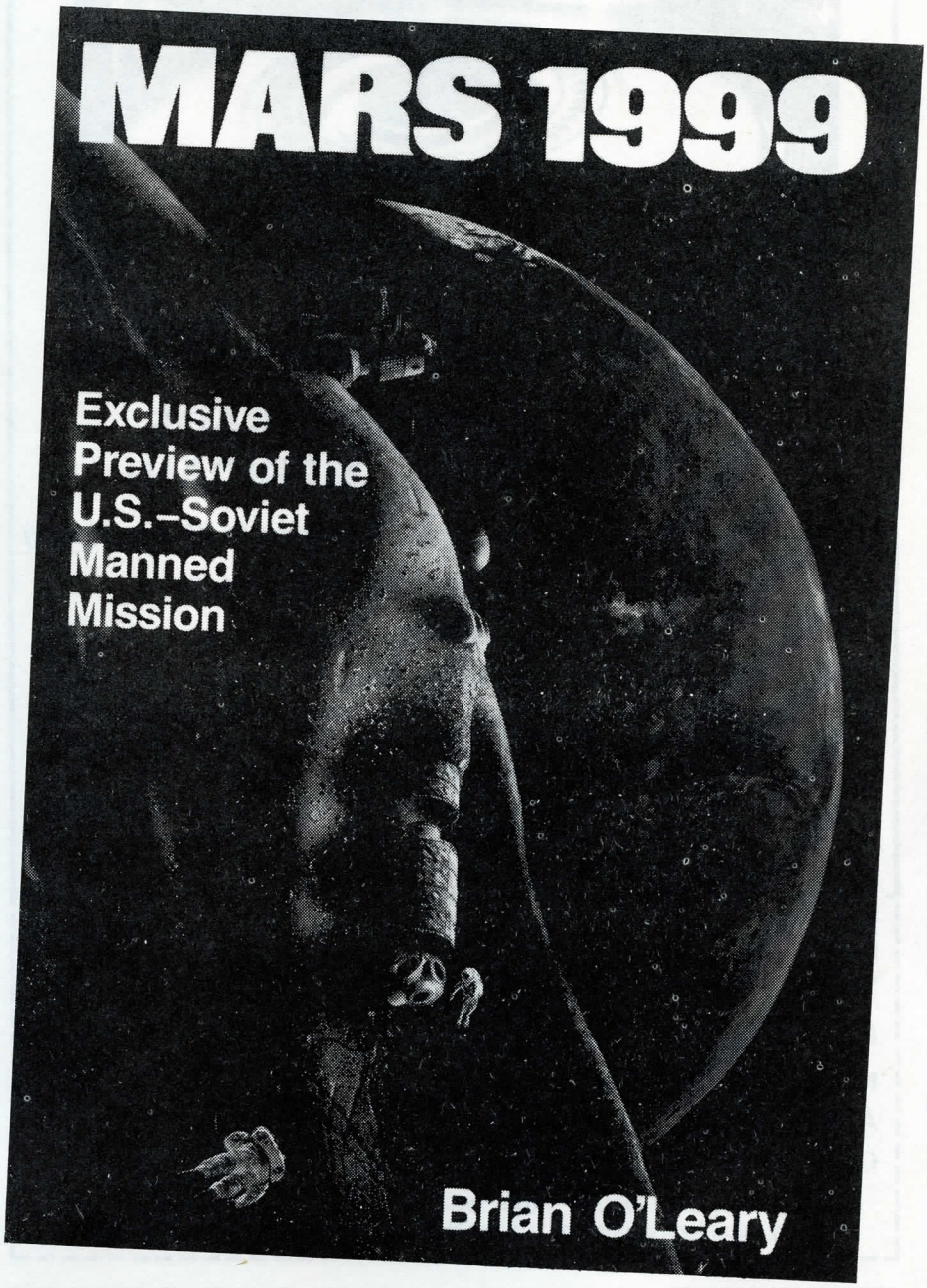
Fourth, and most important: We should offer each other support. Aileen Edwards, of UFO Contact Center International, has taken a special interest in Mike's case, and has brought the matter to the attention of congressmen, columnists, doctors and the ACLU. So far, her attempts to gain access to the files on Mike have proven unsuccessful. She is looking for expressions of public concern, and wants to help anyone in similar straits. You can write the Center at 3001 So. 288th St., Ste. 304, Federal Way, WA 98003, or call (206) 946-2248.

A final note: A disturbing trend has developed. The UFO Contact Center is receiving a growing number of stories, frighteningly similar to Mike's, and the arbitrary abuses that resulted in his case must stop—*now*.

BOOK REVIEWS

MARS 1999

By Brian O'Leary. Stackpole Books, 1988. 160 pp. $14.95



Brian O'Leary, if the name is unfamiliar, is a former astronaut with a Ph.D. in planetary science specializing in Mars, who joined NASA some years before the first Moon landing. In those days, NASA scientists spoke hopefully of flights to Mars as a natural follow-on to Project Apollo, but that dream died amid the smoke and flame of the Viet Nam conflict.

Now O'Leary—and a good many other Mars buffs, from high-visibility Carl Sagan to your neighbor science fiction fan—is pushing for a manned Mars expedition before the turn of the century.

(The Soviets, it should be noted, announced in the fall of 1988—some months after publication of O'Leary's book—that they plan to land cosmonauts on Mars by 2010. They're going no matter what we do, and the odds are good they'll succeed.)

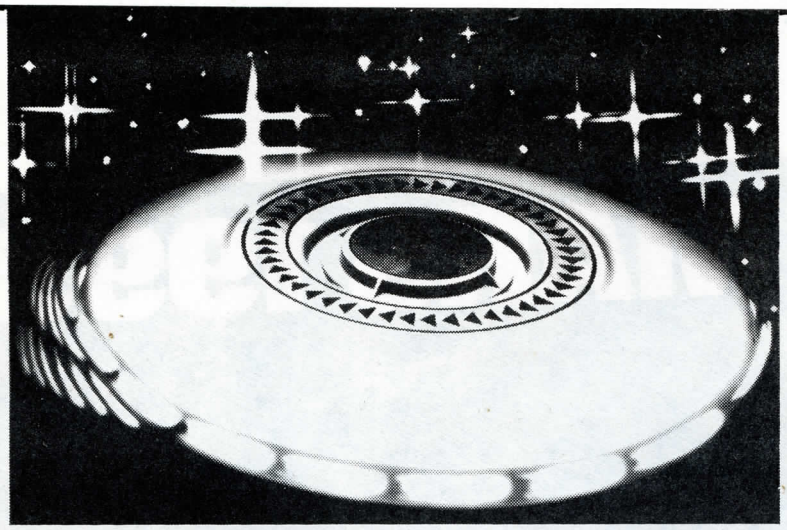
MARS 1999 is O'Leary's vision of not only how we could go to Mars this century, but what we might find there. He blends what we know about Mars with a four-part fictional scenario that covers the Mars flight, exploration of the Red Planet and subsequent discoveries and socio-political events up to the year 2030 A.D. That time span is short enough that some of you reading this should be able to pick up his book that year and see how well he did as a prophet.

Among the more interesting factual extrapolations is O'Leary's claim that we can fly to Phobos and Deimos, Mars' two moons, and set up a fuel processing plant at less cost than if we built the same plant on earth's moon.

Calling the "Mars 1999" program a possible "model for world cooperation and for turning swords into ploughshares," O'Leary describes a joint U.S.-U.S.S.R mission (separate ships, but flying together to permit intership visits) and sketches in not only the goals of such a mission but areas of potential conflict.

No truly visionary book on Mars these days would be complete without some reference to the enigmatic stone "face" which showed up back in 1976 when the Viking Orbiter photographed the surface before the landers went down onto the Red Planet.

O'Leary, who is familiar with the work of Richard Hoagland and others concerning the Mars face (see my review of Hoagland's *The Monuments of Mars* in *UFO* Vol. 2, No. 3), isn't convinced the strange feature is a construct by aliens. But he does believe that "all reasonable inquiries into possible manifestations of extraterrestrial intelligence are worth pursuing" and notes that a definite answer may be forthcoming by 1992, when the U.S. Mars Observer satellite should begin orbiting Mars (see article on p. 27). But while conservative about alien intelligence in the non-fiction part of his book, O'Leary's fictional exploration scenario includes an en-



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Let me challenge you, the reader. IF you are really curious about that Martian "face," if you believe, as O'Leary and I and many others believe, that earth's explorers *must* go to Mars and the sooner the better, then read this book and write your congressional representatives, urging them to read it and sponsor the appropriate legislation.

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Investigation & Research

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CONTACT: Mary Ann Hawk, Cleveland Ufology Project, 7653 Normandie Blvd., C-33, Cleveland, OH 44130 (216) 243-0782

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CONTACT: Scott Colborn, Fortean Research Center, P.O. Box 94627, Lincoln, NB 68509

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CONTACT: Allen Benz, Foundation for UFO Research, P.O. Box 182, Tucson, AZ 85702-0182

J. ALLEN HYNEK CENTER FOR UFO STUDIES incorporates the name of the man, now deceased, who was probably the most respected and credible UFO researcher in the United States. The Center attempts to maintain Hynek's tradition of credibility and scientific research, publishing the well-respected ufological bi-monthly, International UFO Reporter. (The Center is reviving its quarterly Journal for UFO Studies; science adviser, Mark Rodeghier). Nearly 100 volunteer investigators participate in association with CUFOS, which maintains 35 file drawers of case material once belonging to National Investigating Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP).
CONTACT: J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies, 2457 West Peterson Ave., Chicago, IL 60659. International UFO Reporter: Jerome Clark, editor, 1511 Greenleaf St., Evanston, IL 60202

INSTITUTE FOR UFO CONTACTEE STUDIES, along with Paranormal Research Organization and UFO Studies, sponsors the well-attended Rocky Mountain Conference on UFO Investigation. This annual congregation of contactees and investigators takes place at the University of Wyoming, workplace of UFO researcher and hypnotist Dr. Leo Sprinkle. The purpose of IFUFOCS, says Sprinkle, is to research contactee phenomena and help bring to light the nature of their experiences. Conference proceedings are available in booklet form.
CONTACT: R. Leo Sprinkle, Ph.D., Institute for UFO Contactee Studies, 1425 Steele St., Laramie, WY 82070. (307) 745-7897

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CONTACT: LAUFORG, P.O. Box 1421, Topanga, CA 90290.

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CONTACT: W.L. Moore Publications & Research, 4219 W. Olive St., Ste. 247, Burbank, CA 91505. (213) 463-0542.

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CONTACT: Walter H. Andrus, Jr., International Director, Mutual UFO Network, Inc., 103 Oldtowne Rd., Seguin, TX 78155-4099. (512) 379-9216

NEVADA AERIAL RESEARCH GROUP specializes in investigation of covert foreign and domestic advances in technology, alien interaction, psionics and related fields. People buying membership in NARG, costing $20 per year, will receive Valerian's periodic newsletter.
CONTACT: Val Valerian, Navada Aerial Research Group, Box 81407, Las Vegas, NV 89180-1407

THE NEW YORK FORTEAN SOCIETY, organized last year, investigates and reports on unexplained natural events and scientific anomalies. Information is presented in lectures and demonstrations, plus a membership newsletter. Logistical support is provided by Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained (NJ) and International Fortean Organization (Washington, D.C.). NYFS is chaired by noted Fortean maven and author John A. Keel.
CONTACT: The New York Fortean Society, P.O. Box 20024, New York, NY 10025

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vestigators to the site of an occurrence on an around-the-clock basis, if the situation so warrants. Cases from State, Municipal and Federal agencies are frequently referred to PASU for investigation.
CONTACT: Stan Gordon, Director of Operations, PASU, 6 Oakhill Ave., Greensburg, PA 15601. UFO Hotline: (412) 838-7768 (24 hours)

Information Services

COMPUTER UFO NETWORK is always on-line for computerists seeking on-the-spot news of UFO events throughout the nation. CUFON (and affiliated organization Bluepeace), was established by UFO researcher Dale Goudie, for the purpose of providing other UFO field researchers with quick access to sighting data and locations. CUFON also has documented Freedom of Information material.
CONTACT: Computer UFO Network, Computer line: (connect at 300 or 1200 bauds, eight data bits, no parity, one stop bit) (206) 722-5738. Information line: (206) 721-5035

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GEORGE D. FAWCETT—UFO SERVICE provides a four-page recommended reading list, which includes 58 different UFO sources from the U.S., Canada, England and Australia. (Available for a $2 check made out to Fawcett and a long, self-addressed stamped envelope with 45 cents postage.) For half of his 42 years as a UFO researcher and lecturer, Fawcett has wanted to establish a educational, cooperative UFO Museum to meet a growing need in the UFO field. Investors and subscribers are sought.
CONTACT: George D. Fawcett, 602 Battleground Rd., Lincolnton, NC 28092. (704) 735-5725.

OMEGA COMMUNICATIONS of Connecticut is run by literary agent John White. Omega regularly presents a symposium entitled The UFO Experience, which hosts top names in the field addressing the multifaceted perspectives of UFO research and direct experience. The most recent event presented Philip Imbrogno, Larry Fawcett, Budd Hopkins, Brad Steiger and others.
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CONTACT: Jim Speiser, National Fringe Sciences Information Service, P.O. Box 17675, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268. Data line: (602) 837-0062 (Modem required).

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CONTACT: Supreme Commander James Moseley, Saucer Smear, P.O. Box 1709, Key West, FL 33041.

UFO Magazine, published by California UFO, was established to provide a journalistic approach to the UFO subject and increase public exposure to UFO and related information. The magazine's editorial focus endeavors to bridge disinformation elements and conflicting attitudes. (Available by subscription and at selected newsstands and bookstores nationally.)
CONTACT: UFO Magazine, 1800 So. Robertson Blvd., Box 355, Los Angeles, CA 90035. (213) 273-9409

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CONTACT: Paul Shepherd, UFO/Contact Newsline, 8721 Santa Monica Blvd., Ste. 600, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Reports: (213) 976-8367; office: (213) 656-3331.

UFO NEWSCLIPPING SERVICE collects all the UFO-oriented articles available from newspapers and magazines worldwide. For a subscription fee, editors Lucius Farish and Rod B. Dyke will send monthly compilations of this coverage, which includes some foreign material. Stories are individually labeled with the name of the printed source and date of publication.
CONTACT: Lucius Farish & Rod B. Dyke, editors, UFO Newsclipping Service, Route 1, Box 220, Plumerville, AK 72127

UFO REVIEW claims nearly 30,000 circulation. According to editor-publisher Timothy Beckley, UFO Review emphasizes no particular aspect of the UFO scene. He tries to cover a wide spectrum of material in his nearly 10 year old publication, which comes out quarterly and accompanies the production and distribution of related books and merchandise to satisfy the UFO-curious public. The current issue is available to people who write to Beckley in care of the magazine.
CONTACT: UFO Review, P.O. Box 753, New Brunswick, NJ 08903

UFO UNIVERSE, edited by the creator of "UFO Review," boasts a press run of 100,000. Editor Tim Beckley says "UFO Universe" attempts to cover the UFO subject from a hard-hitting and slightly sensational angle.
CONTACT: Al Weiss, publisher, UFO Universe, 351 W. 54th St. New York, NY 10019.

Technology & Science

ANNALS OF UFOLOGICAL RESEARCH ADVANCES, or AURA, is intended for the serious ufologist seeking to learn about the new physics utilized in UFO propulsion/extraterrestrial technology, says publisher Ken Behrendt. Though not yet available by subscription, AURA can be purchased one issue at a time, $5.85 each postpaid, from Arcturus Book Service. (Fifteen issues are now available.)
CONTACT: Bob Girard, Arcturus Book Service, P.O. Box 831383, Stone Mountain, GA 30083-0023

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CONTACT: Borderland Sciences and Research Foundation, c/o Thomas Brown, P.O. Box 429, Garberville, CA 95440-0429

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CONTACT: Stellar Research Institute, Box 74, Kempton, IL 60946

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Special Projects

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CONTACT: Gene M. Phillips, Ancient Astronaut Society, 1921 St. Johns Ave., Highland Park, IL 60035-3105. (312) 295-8899

BLUEPEACE will eventually present factual UFO testimony before Congress, its principle goal. An offshoot of Computer UFO Network, this civilian interest organization is drumming up support for Congressional hearings not only on UFOs, but other important issues as well. "Any area that affects Americans and their Constitutional rights," says Bluepeace spokesman Dale Goudie. The project will also help fund other worthwhile projects and organizations. Inquiries are welcome.
CONTACT: Bluepeace, P.O. Box 832, Mercer Island, WA 98040

CITIZENS AGAINST UFO SECRECY openly challenges the federal government to make public its vast stores of UFO information. By accessing governmental UFO data through the Freedom of Information Act and employing other appropriate tactics, CAUS is able to document events relating to official secrecy. CAUS networks with ufologists both in and out of the U.S. and publishes "Just Cause" newsletter with "inside information."
CONTACT: Larry Bryant, Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, 3518 Martha Custis Dr., Alexandria, VA 22302.

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CONTACT: Fred Whiting, Secretary-Treasurer, Fund for UFO Research, Inc., P.O. Box 277, Mt. Rainier, MD 20712

WAX, a publicly-funded project spearheaded by New York artist David Blair, is a feature-length, image-processed experimental narrative with a special emphasis on UFOs and UFO history. Using a wide variety of videographic effects, WAX tells a rather fantastic narrative using a number of styles, the most important of which is the documentary. Blair seeks and appreciates support and information for use in this unusual creative project.
CONTACT: David Blair, 70A Greenwich Ave., Suite 401, New York, NY 10011

Contactee Groups

NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS, directed by evangelical minister/contactee Frank Stranges, disseminates a quarterly newsletter called UFO Journal and other contactee-oriented works. Dr. Stranges claims he met a Venusian named Val Thor, who has a special mission on Earth. NICUFO is a membership organization that also holds regular UFO Space and Science meetings, open to the public.
CONTACT: NICUFO, P.O. Box 5, Van Nuys, CA 91401

UFO CONTACT CENTER INTERNATIONAL deals specifically with helping contactees, running 22 centers throughout the U.S. and Canada. This non-profit support center provides needed counseling to those who have been subjected to scorn and ridicule and are having difficulty coping with sudden changes in their lives. UFOCCI publishes a monthly newsletter called "The Missing Link," $18 annually; $30 for foreign subscriptions.
CONTACT: Aileen Edwards, director, UFO Center International, UFO Contact Center International, 3001 So. 288th St., Federal Way, WA 98003

UNISOC stands for UNIverse SOCiety, the organization begun by contactee Hal Wilcox. Wilcox claims ETs granted him a covenant to complete seven project tests on the way toward interplanetary communication, six of which are completed. UNISOC's current activities include publishing and video projects, plus plans for a trip to Egypt in search of the "Atlantean Computer Complex. The completion of test seven, Wilcox says, will involve short-wave, RBBS computer and newsletters.
CONTACT: Hal Wilcox, UNISOC, P.O. Box 38132, Hollywood, CA, 90038. (213) 466-0519

UNIVERSAL KINGDOM's director Brother Lou says his organization acts as a "planetary anchor," a role that entails "an activity to assist the sleeping giant, humanity, in awakening from its deep sleep, that it may participate in bringing the Earth planet out of its regressive period of mis-use and disrespect." Though published irregularly, a sample of the Universal Kingdom newsletter is available for $2.
CONTACT: Universal Kingdom, P.O. Box 938, Roseburg, OR 97470

Foreign Groups

BRITISH UFO RESEARCH ORGANIZATION, or BUFORA, is probably the best known UFO research group in the United Kingdom. Established in 1964, BUFORA works at encouraging, promoting and conducting unbiased scientific research of UFOs, collecting and disseminating data in lectures and its publications called Transient Aerial Phenomena and the BUFORA Bulletin. The newsletter offers a regular round-up of UFO events being investigated in England.
CONTACT: Arnold West, membership secretary, 16 Southway, Burgess Hill, Sussex, RH15 9ST, England

CANADIAN U.F.O. RESEARCH NETWORK is Canada's largest and oldest UFO investigative organization, according to co-director Lawrence Fenwick. The group specializes in probing close encounters and abduction reports, along with maintaining extensive files and publishing a bi-monthly journal. A list of recommended books and magazines is also available. CUFORN has membership qualifications that include a minimum of three years of intensive UFO research, a process consisting of reading at least five books on ufology or one of the following: a university or college degree, or training in a scientific discipline, law enforcement, public relations, photography, art, media or private investigation.
CONTACT: Lawrence J. Fenwick, P.O. Box 15, Station "A", Willowdale, Ontario, Canada M2N 5S7

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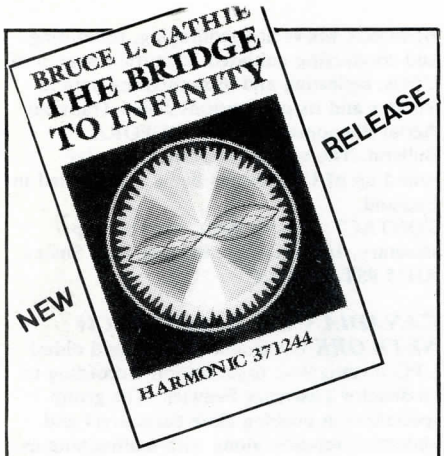
CONTACT: D.N. Mansell, Contact International, 48 Crown Rd., Wheatley, Oxford, OX91UL, England.

GALACTEUS-TRANSTAR focuses on experiencing and understanding interdimensional communications. The 20-year-old communal group, through a synthesis of many traditions and an ongoing transmutation program, has built up an operational knowledge it shares with interested groups and individuals. GALACTEUS also hosts a variety of activities and vacation-workshops in Tahiti.
CONTACT: GALACTEUS-TRANSTAR, 2210 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 476, Santa Monica, CA 90403; or B.P. 4557, Papeete, Tahiti, French Polynesia

INDEPENDENT UFO NETWORK was formed in 1987 out of liaison between members of the West Yorkshire research group (WYUFORG), the Yorkshire UFO Network and several independent investigators in northern England. It seeks to disseminate its wide-ranging research and invetigation via UFO Brigantia, the network's bi-monthly journal. The group holds no particular viewpoint on the nature of the UFO enigma.
CONTACT: Martin Dagless, 19 Bellmount Gardens, Bramley, Leeds, West Yorkshire, England LS13 2ND,



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CONTACT: Yorkshire UFO Society, 12 Miles Hill St., Leeds, LS72EQ, Yorkshire, England

Networking

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CONTACT: Delval UFO, Inc., 948 Almshouse Rd. Ivyland, PA 18974

INLAND EMPIRE UFO EXCHANGE plans monthly discussion, lecture and study meetings. The newly-forming group will register local UFO sightings and publish quarterly reports on new and historical UFO activity in the San Bernardino County and adjacent areas. Newsletter will include members' comments, photos, speculation and data report form for registering sightings. Meetings will be open to the general public the third Saturday of each month.
CONTACT: Inland Empire UFO Exchange, 1655 No. Euclid Ave., Upland, CA 91786. (714) 985-9320.

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CONTACT: J & S Aquarian Networking, Att'n: Jeff & Joshua, P.O. Box 1395, Pacifica, CA 94044. (415) 359-1921 (Joshua), 756-0633 (Jeff)

PLEIADES FOUNDATION FOR PEACE interprets God awareness from a vantage point that transcends conventional religion, says director Miguel Ribera. His group searches out star people, teaches scriptural mysteries and stresses the importance of the Pleiadian system to humanity's existence. The Pleiades Foundation derives its name from the star system referred to in the Christian bible, and is not related to material or organizations involved with the Billy Meier contactee case.
CONTACT: Miguel Ribera, Pleiades Foundation for Peace, Inc., 1570 Nannette Dr., Reno, NV 89502

UFORUM holds meetings the last Saturday of each month. Lectures present researchers and contactees who share their visions of the UFO phenomenon. UFORUM freely explores unusual experiences involving extraterrestrial intelligence and space ships on various reality levels. Information on upcoming programs is available by mail.
CONTACT: Penny Harper, UFORUM, 11020 Ventura Blvd., Suite 134-CU, Studio City, CA 91604. (213) 874-8185.

Esoterica

THEIR GOOD NEWS SPECIAL REPORT is touted as a TV news summary of the hundreds of hours spent by author Frank Mascaro, revealing his personal experience researching, training and development in videotaping touchdown meetings with—in Mascaro's own words—Jesus Christ himself, including demonstration flights with Him in his spacecraft. (Mascaro asks that a self-addressed, stamped envelope to be sent with all correspondence.)
CONTACT: JNC Frank Mascaro YW, P.O. Box 24938, Tempe, AZ 85282

Channeling Sources

THE AETHERIUS SOCIETY acquired its name from the Venusian who British-born Sir George King who since 1954 has acted as a telepathic mental channel, delivering hundreds of what are considered to be messages from advanced beings within our solar system and beyond. Called an international spiritual brotherhood, the Aetherius Society disseminates a wide spectrum of cosmic/-spiritual teachings from other planets, in preparation for the New Age and to qualify students for various mystical initiations and degrees as well.
CONTACT: Dr. Ray Nielsen, Director, The Aetherius Society, 6202 Afton Place, Hollywood, CA 90028

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egalitarian New Age ideology called Universalism.
CONTACT: Amalgamated Flying Saucer Clubs of America, P.O. Box 39, Yucca Valley, CA 92286. (619) 365-1141

ASSOCIATION SANANDA & SANAT KUMARA, INC. is a non-profit organization which provides a wide range of information on channeled messages from "Space Brothers." Sister Thedra serves as channel, delivering messages reportedly from Sananda (Jesus), Sanat Kumara and other spiritually-oriented extraterrestrial consciousnesses. The messages are put in script form and are available on request. Sananda's latest messages and other channelings also appear in "A Call To Arms," A.S.S.K.'s monthly newsletter. Other publications also available. More information is free, upon request.
CONTACT: A.S.S.K., P.O. Box 35, Mt. Shasta, CA 96067. (606) 282-3421

BLUE ROSE MINISTRY publishes the "Solar Space Letter," a monthly compilation of cosmic information channeled through Rev. Bob Short. Acting as a "translator" for UFO intelligences contacting Earth, Rev. Short, who claims visual UFO contact in the presence of other witnesses, offers spiritual counseling from space intelligences' perspective. Formerly located in the UFO-active high desert area of southern California, the Blue Rose Ministry currently operates out of Arizona.
CONTACT: Rev. Bob Short, Blue Rose Ministry, P.O. Box 332, Cornville, AZ 86325

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GUARDIAN ACTION PUBLICATIONS specializes in books containing channeled information apparently derived from Space Commands and Guardians encircling Earth. Founder/Editor, Rev. Thelma B. Terrell, known by her cosmic name of Tuella, is messenger for these practical and spiritual communications. The alleged extraterrestrial officials voiced through Tuella urge preparation for the probable planetary evacuation at the change times for the planet. Books of other Space channels as well as Tuella's are featured. Used UFO books and old issues of prominent UFO periodicals are listed with back issues of her Universal Network. Free catalogue.
CONTACT: Guardian Action Publications, P.O. Box 27725, Salt Lake City, UT 84127-0725.

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CONTACT: L.T.F., 308 National Bank Bldg., Del Rio, TX 78840

MARK-AGE, a non-profit organization in operation since 1960, years, issues spiritual material based on teachings reportedly channeled through Nada-Yolanda by the spiritual hierarchy of our solar system and other extraterrestrial sources. Mark-Age is "dedicated primarily to externalize and demonstrate spiritual government on Earth," say the directors, in preparation for the predicted Second Coming around 2000 A.D. Mark-Age publishes books, courses, cassettes and a bi-monthly magazine MAIN, and offers courses on a wide range of spiritual practices.
CONTACT: Mark-Age, P.O. Box 290368, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33329. (305) 587-5555

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CONTACT: The Library of the New Essenes of Inyo, Box 257, June Lake, CA 93529

UNARIUS ACADEMY OF SCIENCE publishes and distributes a 90-volume curriculum on the Universal Articulate Interdimensional Understanding of Science (UNARIUS), a self-study course that delineates the electronic nature of man, reincarnation physics and the evolutionary purpose of life on the third and higher dimensional worlds. The "channelship" for UNARIUS is held by Ruth Norman, speaking as an entity named Uriel. Besides offering the books and weekly classes at its New World Teaching Center in El Cajon, CA, UNARIUS produces a local cable public access television program. "These activities are all in preparation for the spiritual renaissance of mankind on Earth," the founders say.
CONTACT: Unarius Academy of Science, 145 Magnolia Ave., El Cajon, CA 92020. (619) 447-4170

UNIVERSALIA dedicates its New Age work to the expansion of conscious awareness. Channeled material from higher planes fills most of the pages in a bi-monthly publication, "The Universalian," although there are specifically extraterrestrial messages as well, according to Universalian Sandra Radhoff. Rich in spirituality, "The Universalian" has no specified subscription rate. "We would rather let your ability to share and your perceived value of the material contained within the publication be the determinant of your giving," say its publishers.
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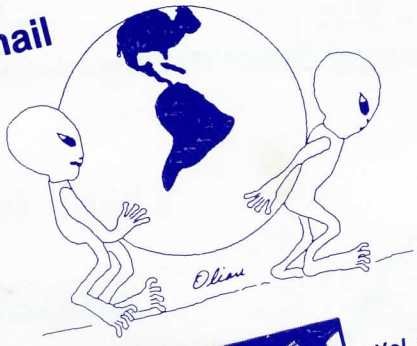

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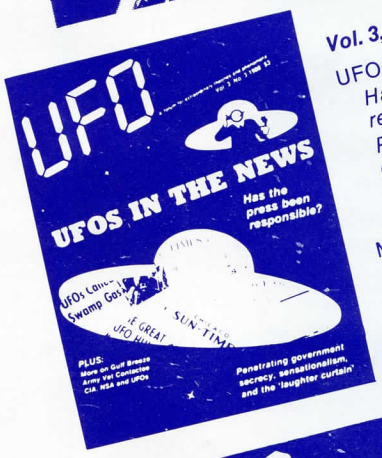

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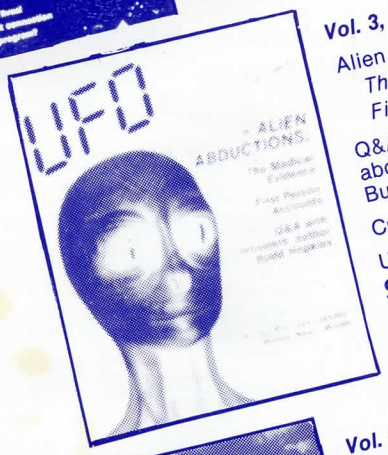

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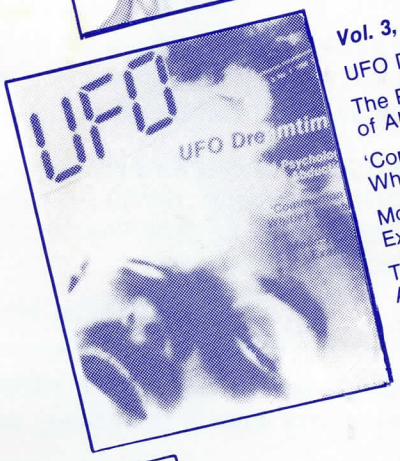

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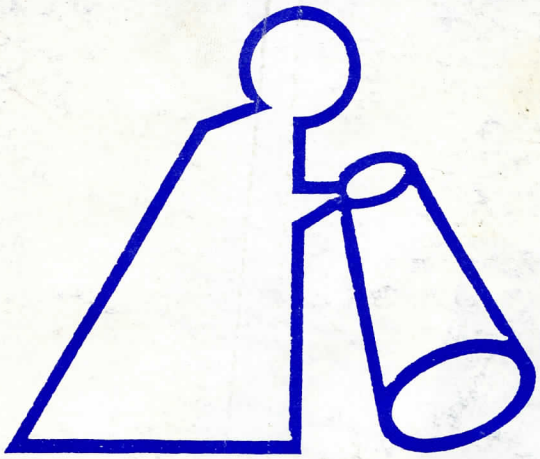

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